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Column One
BY David Courtney

THERE is a lot of talk about "offshore islands" and Mr. Ben-Gurion and the political carpentry of M. Edgar Faure. The newspapers are full of Britain's hydrogen bomb and Sir Anthony Eden's Middle and Far East perambulations and Mr. Khrushchev's heavy industry. The broadcasting stations of the world almost bring to our ears the sound of scratching pens as pact after pact is signed by government after government in the name of peace and with the prospect of war in mind. All these ventures are big news.

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BUT when it comes to the point, over a large acreage of the world and among millions and millions of people the really big news is exactly the same today as it was when there were no broadcasting stations, no newspapers, and very few governments in the pompous sense of today. When it comes to the point, I say, the big news is that some rain has fallen, the earth is wet, and the wilting corn may have a chance to grow upwards greenly. Give any people the means of saving their harvest, and you can keep your pacts and your offshore islands.

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BESIDES, they tell me there has been rain on the Jordan side of the border as well. Heaven can be stingy at times and generous at others but nothing it does makes a fit complaint for the Security Council or requires the agreement of Arabs and Israelis or Indians and Pakistanis or Marshal Bulganin and President Eisenhower or Mapai and the General Zionists. It rains, take it or leave it, and the Arab and the Jewish farmer are collectively glad: there will be more fodder for the cows and cheaper vegetables for the housewives and a little more money in humble kitties on both sides of the frontier. And even those of us who do not delve and have never seen a cowshed except from the high-road and know vegetables only from the pictures on tin cans, are glad.

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THERE has been very little rain, of course; and we shall be told that it came too late. And true it is that it would have been better a week ago and that nothing like enough has fallen. The agricultural experts and hydrologists will undoubtedly say that heaven's notion of "water-duty" is as unsatisfactory as Mr. Eric Johnston's. Water-duty, I would have you know, is the amount of water needed per unit of land per annum to make things grow. Of course, different people calculate this simple equation differently: Mr. Johnston one way, the Israel experts another; the Arabs a third. Heaven has original ideas on all these questions. Perhaps if heaven had kept out of the argument a little longer, and let the drought go on, the effect on the various experts might have been to bring them more or less to a common "water-duty" estimate. For it seems a pity to let the earth lie barren and the green grass wither in the no-man's-land of warring mathematics.

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ABOVE all it is a pity to see water taking its cue from oil and become something for nations to haggle about and get positively warlike about. For water, unlike oil, is a kindly substance and manifests itself in kindly ways. Think how much happier the Persians would have been if their southern lands had gushed water for the fields instead of oil for dreadnoughts and bomber aircraft. And think how much nicer and easier to get on with the Iraqis would have been if the I.P.C. had spilled water over their dry earth instead of oil. No matter. Rain has fallen. The fields, without benefit of mathematics, have become damp. The experts of their last solemn conclave had mud on their shoes.

Jerusalem, February 22.

TO THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC

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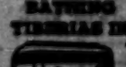

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EGGED PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPT.

'Progress' But No Accord as Talks With Johnston End

The conversations between Ambassador Eric Johnston and the Prime Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol and Israel Government officials on the Jordan Valley Water Project, which were resumed in Jerusalem on Sunday, ended last night "with a feeling on both sides that considerable progress has been achieved in defining attitudes and eliminating points of difference," a joint communique announced at midnight last night.

Last night's formal meeting at the Prime Minister's office did not last very long, after which the delegates adjourned to the home of Mr. T. Kollek, where informal discussions continued until well after midnight and from where the joint communique was issued.

The communique said, "Some questions remain to be resolved in further discussions, and substantial understanding was reached with regard to a number of points."

May Return in April

It is expected that Ambassador Johnston will return to the Middle East in April to resume discussions. "In the meantime," the communique added, "he will be in touch with the Israel Government in a continual effort to reach a favourable conclusion."

Mr. Johnston and his party are leaving this morning for Rome on their way back to the U.S.

At the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem yesterday — closed because of the holiday on Washington's Birthday — Ambassador Johnston spent the morning conferring with his advisers prior to his final meeting with Israel representatives last night.

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13 Face Cyprus Court For Arms Smuggling

By IRIS M. RUSSELL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Tuesday. — The police today brought before the Paphos District Court 13 men held since January 25 in connection with the seizure of the Greek motorboat St. George, allegedly while attempting to smuggle explosives into the island.

Three charges were preferred against the men: conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the Cyprus constitution by revolution or sabotage; conspiracy to use armed force against the Government; promoting civil war.

The 13 men were refused bail and the preliminary hearing of the case was fixed for March 28.

Under Cyprus law punishment for the first charge is up to five years' imprisonment, while that for the other charges is life imprisonment.

During this morning's court hearing the Crown Counsel said that the accused belonged to an organization with secret contacts abroad which enabled them to smuggle explosives into Cyprus for use in civil war.

Cairo Jewish 'Communists' Face Trial on Saturday

The Egyptian high military court on Saturday will open the case against a number of Jews charged with Communist activities and plotting to overthrow the present regime, the Jordan paper "Palestine" reported yesterday.

It said that seven Egyptian lawyers have been assigned to their defence.

Knesset Passes Tenant Protection Law

The Tenants Protection Law (New Buildings) passed its second and third readings in the Knesset yesterday.

The law frees from rent control apartments which were rented for the first time on or after April 1, 1954.

In the evening session the Budget for Jewish Religious Services passed its first reading. The Bill extends current legislation for an additional year.

Sharav Ends, But Crops Still Thirst for Rain

Jerusalem Post Staff

The winter sharav ended late on Monday night even more suddenly than predicted by weather experts. Light rain fell in many parts of the country yesterday morning, but it was insufficient to help hard-pressed farmers who need substantial steady rainfall immediately to save even a part of their scorched crops.

Heaviest rainfall was recorded at Misgav Am in the far north, where 22 mm. fell in the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. Seven millimetres fell in Nahariya, five on Mount Canaan, and three in Jerusalem. Lydda airport recorded only drops.

The temperature fell appreciably everywhere. Compared with Monday the thermometer dropped 12 degrees in Jerusalem, 10 on Mount Canaan and Beersheba, and more than nine in Tel Aviv.

Lydda meteorological experts could predict only light, isolated showers for today. The cold front, which extended from southern Russia to this region, is moving away and is being replaced by a ridge of high pressure, bringing in its wake warmer and brighter weather.

Haifa residents woke up to find the sky slightly overcast yesterday morning with weather conditions uncertain. Those who put their trust in the morning weather forecast broadcast over Kol Yisrael, of "clouded skies with possible showers, especially in the north this evening," found themselves caught without raincoats when these showers came 12 hours earlier than promised at 8.30 a.m. There were sweeping gales but little rain in the Lower Galilee and the Jezreel Valley.

In Safad, rabbis and small groups of their followers on Monday and yesterday visited the tombs of Honi Hameagel at Ein Am, near Rosh Pina, and Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai at Meron, and prayed for rain. Their prayers were answered yesterday, when 3.3 mm. of rain fell. The accompanying gale reached a velocity of 100 kms. an hour, the Mt. Canaan weather station reported.

In Tel Aviv the Kiryat meteorological office yesterday told *The Jerusalem Post* that the temperature on Monday was seven to nine degrees above the normal February maximum. One weatherman noted, however, that such temperatures were recorded two years ago and were even exceeded in 1947. It was pointed out that in 1946-47, and again in 1952-53, the rainfall was as scanty as this year, but that in those periods it fell chiefly in January and February, when crops needed it most.

Tel Aviv was easily the wettest spot in the country this year, recording nearly 180 mm. more than the average rainfall. Jerusalem so far has recorded 186 mm. below its average rainfall, and Mount Canaan 230 mm. less than the average.

Fodder Crops Said In Grave Danger

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rain in the next few days may yet save the situation in the Beisan Valley, Eastern Jezreel, the Gilboa area, and the Negev, a Ministry of Agriculture spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday. Farmers in these areas have felt grave anxiety for this year's fodder crops.

Until the recent drought, record crops were expected this year, but it is now probable that the yields will be less than last season's. Sowing of summer crops may also be affected.

The position is most serious in the southern Beisan area, where the total rainfall this year has been only 120 mm., almost all of which fell within a short period. As a result of five hot, rainless weeks it may be necessary to plough up part of the fields so as to preserve the organic matter in the unripe crops as manure for next year's sowing. In some parts of the area, farmers may reap the immature wheat and barley for use as hay. Attempts are being made to save the crops by irrigation, but the water available is not sufficient for all needs.

The situation in the Eastern Jezreel and Gilboa areas is similar; if the rains come in two weeks it will be too late to make much difference.

In the Negev most of the fields are still more or less satisfactory, especially in the 70 per cent. of the area where the sowing took place before the rains, since soil there holds the moisture well. The position in Western Galilee and the coastal plain is not yet critical, though the yield of straw may be affected in these as in other areas.

Agriculturists are now discussing the possibility of guarding against similar difficulties in the future by sowing larger areas of fodder crops under irrigation.

Israel Unit Shelled From Gaza Strip

Rifle fire was opened at an Israel unit yesterday morning when it approached a group of infiltrators from the Gaza Strip who were ploughing in Israel territory in the Nir Yitzhak area, the Army spokesman announced.

When the unit, which was patrolling the armistice lines, returned fire, mortar shells were fired from Egyptian positions. The Israel unit then returned heavy fire.

Israel has lodged a complaint with the Israel-Egypt Mixed Armistice Commission and has requested an emergency session to discuss the incident.

An Israel unit, patrolling the Israel-Jordan Armistice Line in the vicinity of Deraytima, was fired upon yesterday morning, the spokesman also reported. The fire came from the direction of the village of Dhirbet Silkha. The Israel delegation to the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission has lodged a complaint on the incident.

The Arab News Agency reports that four Egyptian soldiers were seriously wounded yesterday morning when Israel forces near Rafiah opened mortar fire for half-an-hour on Egyptian positions. Egypt has lodged a complaint with the Mixed Armistice Commission, demanding an emergency session, the agency said.

Work clothes and other items valued at IL.120 were stolen from Ma'ale Hahamisha and taken across the border on Monday night. Tracks of two men led towards an Arab village in Jordan.

THE JERUSALEM POST

A ten-page issue of *The Jerusalem Post* on Friday includes four specially illustrated pages on Israel shipping, its problems and problems. Pictures by Jo-russian. Post reporters are complimented by those of public and private shipping interests.

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Soldier Killed, 10 Hurt In Sdom Road Accident

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — A soldier was killed and 10 injured, three of them seriously, when an Army vehicle overturned on the Sdom road near Kfar Yeroham today. The body and the injured men were brought to the Hadassah Hospital here.

(The names of the victims have been withheld until their next-of-kin are informed).

The seven who were slightly injured were taken to a military hospital. This is the fourth serious accident that has occurred in exactly the same spot.

BEN-GURION BACK IN HAKIRYA

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Mr. Levi Ben-Gurion resumed his duties as Minister of Defence at 9 o'clock this morning when he arrived at his old office at Hakirya. Preceded by a military motorcycle outrider, he travelled in a black limousine with Mrs. Ben-Gurion and his Military Secretary, Sgan-Aluf Nehemia Argov.

Accompanied by the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan, he inspected a military police guard of honour.

Many employees of the Ministry crowded on both sides of the road and cheered Mr. Ben-Gurion, who was clad in a brown suit and a grey shirt open at the neck.

A reception for Mr. Ben-Gurion held in the foyer of his office was attended by the Director-General of the Ministry and high ranking officers of the General Staff as well as the heads of branches of the Ministry.

When the crowd in the street refused to disperse Mr. Ben-Gurion stepped out to the balcony and said, smilingly, "Shalom to you—and now, to work."

Mr. Ben-Gurion refused to make a statement.

"Although I am not a stranger to the problems involved I have not been here for a long time, and I feel as a new-born babe. I shall have to tour Army camps and installations and generally acquaint myself with its present state before I speak."

WORKERS' GREETING

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Mr. David Ben-Gurion, the Defence Minister, was greeted by hundreds of representatives of workers' organizations who gathered outside his residence here this afternoon. Mr. Eliezer Shechter, the Secretary of the Tel Aviv Jaffa Labour Council welcomed Mr. Ben-Gurion back to the government "with confidence and love."

The Defence Minister told the crowd he was glad to see them but he would much rather have stayed in his home in Sde Boker. He amused himself by saying that he had not yet finished his work for the day.

B.G. Meant as 'Threat' To Arabs, Says Cairo Daily

LONDON, Tuesday (DNA). — Maddened by failure to break up Arab unity the "Zionists" are threatening the Arabs by appointing Mr. David Ben-Gurion as Minister of Defence, according to the official Egyptian newspaper "Al Goumhouria," it was reported today from Cairo by "The Times."

The Cairo paper said "Ben-Gurion's hatred is notorious and he has often urged Israelis to mobilize their forces to prepare for another war against the Arabs."

The correspondent of "The Times" added his own comment, saying Mr. Ben-Gurion's return certainly deserves notice by the Arab world. It seems odd, he stated, that Egypt and the Arab states should continue to quarrel among themselves over a projected treaty which offers them Turkish assistance "against any aggression from Israel."

The "Manchester Guardian's" diplomatic correspondent, however, noted that Middle East diplomacy appeared to be passing through "a sensitive phase" during the week-end, heightened by Sir Anthony Eden's stopover in Cairo and Mr. Ben-Gurion's return to office in place of the "supposedly strong anti-Arab Defence Minister, Mr. Lavon."

Israel Still Main Foe, Says Syrian Premier; Spurns Turco-Iraqi Pact

Syria will not join the Turco-Iraqi pact, following the recommendations of the Arab Premiers conference, and will exert her utmost to convince the other Arab states to adopt the same policy, Premier Sabri al Assali told the Parliament in Damascus in a policy statement yesterday.

The Premier and his new Cabinet, which succeeds that of Fares el Khoury, face a vote of investiture in the House tomorrow.

Assali said that Syria "looks with reserve" on the policy of linking up with the West "on certain conditions." He contended that such conditions could be interpreted too elastically.

He pointed to Israel as still being Syria's foremost enemy and asserted that his Government sought friendship with those nations "who understand the same view." Syria also wants to cooperate with states within the framework of the U.N. Charter who back the Arab League's peaceful cause.

Assali declared his Government was determined to strengthen the Arab Collective Security Pact and to make it effective in checking any aggression on the Arab nations. He expressed the hope to eliminate Syria's differences with the Afro-Asian conference nations, and said he was gratified that Israel was not invited to the meeting.

Mahmoud Riad, Egyptian Chargé d'Affaires in Damascus, announced last night that Major Salah Salim, the Egyptian Free-speech Minister, would arrive in the Syrian capital on Saturday. He will report to the Syrian Government on his talks in Israel and will bring with him "practical new proposals" for strengthening the Arab League.

Salem announced in Beirut that he would be ready to proceed to Baghdad in case Nuri es-Said would postpone signature of the Turco-Iraqi pact. He maintained that the Lebanon was the only Arab League state that supported the pact with Turkey.

Political circles yesterday said the Lebanon has given up all efforts at mediation between Egypt and Iraq since the former will not change her attitude. The last meeting of President Chamoun and Major Salem brought no positive result, they said.

In Cairo, the "Voice of the Arabs" radio transmission for the first time called on the Israel people "to chase their rulers and overthrow the Mapai regime to prevent signature of the Zionist pact with Turkey. Among other subjects, the radio used the term "old Jashuf" to describe Nuri.

(Reuter, WBABS, Cairo Radio)

USSR CANCELS TRADE PACTS WITH IRAQ

The Soviet Union has cancelled all its trade pacts and orders with Iraq, the Arab News Agency reported yesterday from Baghdad. The move follows the recent severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Iraq has not yet accepted the Soviet request that the Syrian Legation in Baghdad look after Russian interests.

BONN DELIVERIES TOTAL $60.5M. NEXT YEAR

BONN, Tuesday (UP). — West Germany and Israel have agreed that German deliveries under the Restitution Agreement during the next year will total $60.5m. (DM.250m.) during the coming year, the Economics Ministry announced today.

This is the same amount as last year, and is the minimum provided under the agreement. The new agreement runs from April 1, 1955, to March 31, 1956.

The agreement includes oil deliveries totalling 75m. dollars-worth from British companies in the Middle East at the West German Government's expense.

The total value of the Agreement is $822m., spread over a period of 14 years, which began on March 31, 1953, with [illegible]

Nation Cannot Yet Afford Luxuries, Eshkol Warns

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

"I hope nobody has got the impression from anything I have said that all is well with the country's economy," Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Finance, said yesterday in his reply to the Knesset general debate on the budget.

"We have chained the dog Inflation," he continued, "but the links are not too strong, and they may snap any day."

He warned that it would be a mistake to think that the country could allow itself luxuries it could not afford in the past. It must think, for example, of the Jews of Morocco and Tunis: the burden before the country was still a heavy one.

Mr. Eshkol was preceded by Mr. Salman Schocken, Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, who declared that the only way for the country to achieve economic independence was to increase industrial exports at least ten-fold.

The evening session included a 40-minute debate on the allocations to the Presidential Office, the Knesset and the State Controller. The Knesset is to continue its discussion of the budgets of individual Ministries next week, with the Prime Minister's Office and the Foreign Ministry scheduled to be debated on Monday.

Declaring that much had been said about reducing the size of the budget, Mr. Eshkol said he could not remember when Mr. Haim Arlav or his fellow General Zionists had objected to the 318 pruta of each Budget Pound which went for security, justice, and police; nor to the 214 pruta allocated to health, education, and social welfare. Agriculture received only 99 pruta of each Pound and subsidies accounted for 35 pruta. Only 135 pruta of each Pound had been budgeted for "what is called administration," and how much could be saved out of this sum, he asked.

Mr. Arlav had said that his party "is not against development." This Mr. Eshkol interpreted as meaning that, in fact, they were rather against it. The Government's attitude, on the other hand, was: "Development with all your heart and all your soul and all your might—otherwise it will not be."

It was all very well to speak of the importance of industry and export. But this was followed by the demand for subsidies—and if industry got used to having its deficit covered by subsidies the country was lost, the Minister declared.

Mr. Eshkol felt there was a lack of incentive for manufacturers to increase production because in the local market they could name their price, and when it came to export they expected subsidies.

He thought that it was incon-

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Peking, Taipeh Planes Exchange Raids

TAIPEH, Tuesday (Reuter). — Two waves of Chinese planes today made the first bombing attack on Nanchi island, General Chiang Kai-shek's northernmost outpost, while Nationalist bombers kept up all-day raids on Communist ships in the area.

The Nationalist Defence Ministry said the Communist planes did little damage.

Nationalist planes went into action early today after a fleet of motorized junks was reported heading for the island, about 190 kms. north of Formosa, but later reports said the fleet — which had roused invasion fears — veered northwards in what appeared to be "patrol mission" after approaching within 16 kms. of Nanchi.

A Nationalist military spokesman said Gen. Chiang's bombers sank a few Communist gunboats off the small islands of Paichishan and Pellunshan, about 30 kms. north Nanchi which have been occupied by the Communists.

Faure's Cabinet Going To Assembly Today

PARIS, Tuesday. — M. Edgar Faure, the fourth man to attempt to solve France's 20th post-war Cabinet crisis, called on President Coty tonight and confirmed his agreement in principle to form a government.

Earlier today, M. Faure won the support of his own Radical Socialists and the powerful Gaullists, and virtually assured his approval tomorrow by the National Assembly. Both the Radicals and Gaullists voted to join the Cabinet he is forming to replace that of M. Pierre Mendes-France and end a political crisis that has dragged on for 18 days.

His own Radicals were the last to give him support. Their Executive Committee voted 131 to 68, with one blank ballot, to back him. The Gaullists, who had expressed their open sympathy earlier, voted formally this afternoon, 97 to 30 with five abstentions, to participate in his government.

Pinay, Pflimlin in Cabinet

Later, usually reliable sources said M. Faure had allocated the following portfolios in his Cabinet: Minister of State for NATO — M. Gaston Palewski (Gaullist); Foreign Affairs — M. Antoine Pinay (Conservative); National Defence — General Pierre Koenig (Gaullist); Finance — M. Pierre Pflimlin (Popular Republican); Justice — M. Robert Schuman (Popular Republican).

M. Palewski, a leading Gaullist, refused to vote for the Paris Agreements and advocated talks with the Soviet Union before German rearmament was made effective.

M. Pinay did not vote for the Paris Agreements, but this was part of an anti-Mendes-France strategy. He has since made it clear that he advocated ratification. General Koenig voted for the Paris agreements.

Both M. Pinay and M. Pflimlin had unsuccessfully tried to form Cabinets in the present crisis.

Zhukov Warns West Russia to Retaliate

MOSCOW, Tuesday (UP). — Defence Minister Georgi Zhukov tonight told a Russian television audience that the USSR's peaceful policy had evoked no "favourable echoes" in the West and warned that Russia is ready to retaliate against any attack.

Making his first speech on the eve of Soviet Army Day, Marshal Zhukov was flanked on his right by the new Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, and by the Communist Party Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev.

Stressing the Soviet Union's peaceful intentions, the Defence Minister said capitalist countries were not responding to this policy "notably the U.S., which is carrying out a policy of preparation for war...."

He added: "Those who do not take the lessons of history into account, like Hitler, who attempted to adopt a position of force against the USSR, should remember his fate."

Marshal Zhukov spoke in the Central House of the Soviet Army. Others on the platform beside him were First Deputy Defence Minister Marshal Alexander Vasilevsky, Army Chief of Staff Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, Marshal Semyon Timoshenko and Admiral Nikolai Kuznetsov. More than 2,000 generals, officers, soldiers and their wives heard him speak.

Second Atomic Blast In Nevada Set Off

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Tuesday (Reuter). — The second shot of the 1955 atomic test series was fired today. The blast lighted up the desert and could also be seen in Los Angeles, 700 kms. away.

Observers watching the explosion said the device exploded was a "whispering" one which produced a 1,200-km. flash of light but surprisingly little noise. It was recalled that a scientist yesterday had commented that today's shot would be very interesting. Others said after the blast that it was a "baby A-bomb."

The explosion was seen as an orange flash. Many previous detonations were a brilliant white. The shot was detonated from the top of a 300-foot tower on Yucca Flat. It had been classed as a medium-size device perhaps slightly larger than the small one dropped from a plane which opened the series last week.

Men of the U.S. forces were among 300 persons injured by the Bikini atom bomb test a year ago, it was disclosed in Washington today by Dr. John Bugher, head of the Atomic Energy Commission's Biological and Medical Section.

He told the Senate armed service sub-committee, which is inquiring into ways of protecting the public in case of atomic attack, that besides Japanese fishermen, 300 "Marshall Islanders and task force personnel" were injured by "radiation," 64 being subjected to "severe exposure." He did not indicate how many of the casualties were suffered by the task force.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SUBS

NORFOLK, Virginia, Tuesday (Reuter). — Atlantic Fleet Headquarters received a report from the Coast Guard that two unidentified submarines were sighted today 5 to 8 kms. off the coast of North Carolina.

Secret Arms Cut Talks To Open on Friday

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mr. Andrei Gromyko, Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, is expected to arrive here tomorrow for disarmament talks which could show whether the recent reshuffle in Moscow had led to a major shift in Soviet policy.

The disarmament talks in a sub-committee of the U.N. Disarmament Commission will open here on Friday. Mr. Cabot Lodge and M. Jules Moch, the U.S. and French delegates, have already arrived.

Diplomatic sources said the first test of Soviet intentions will be the extent to which Mr. Gromyko agrees to use last year's Anglo-French proposals as the basis for an attempt to break the years of deadlock on disarmament.

The talks opening on Friday bring together representatives of the atomic "Big Five," the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain, France and Canada. The sessions will take place in secret as the governments believe this will increase their chances of success.

In Moscow yesterday, the Patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church, in a declaration broadcast by TASS, quoted Isaiah in his condemnation of politicians who favour a "policy of strength."

He said, "One can say of the bellicose politicians of our times that their feet run to evil and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths" — a quotation from Isaiah, 59:7.

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Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were the guests yesterday of Kvutzat Kiryat Anavim in the Jerusalem Corridor.

Prime Minister Sharett yesterday received Mr. Nat Pal, head of the International Union of Socialist Youth, now on a visit to this country.

The Knesset Speaker, Mr. Y. Sprinzak, and his Deputy, Mr. Y. Klebanoff, received Mr. Zvi Shidlo, Captain of the "Bat Galim," and Mr. Yosef Hananel, a crew member, on Monday. The Speaker of the Knesset, Mr. Sprinzak, also received Mr. Nat Pell, who had earlier visited the Hebrew University where he was received by the President, Professor B. Mazar.

A reception in honour of Mrs. G. Stoliar, Editor of the Idishe Zeitung of Buenos Aires, was given by the Argentine Minister, Mr. Pablo Manguel, at his residence in Tel Aviv yesterday.

Mr. Terrence McDermot, the Canadian Ambassador, visited Beersheba yesterday where he was received by the Mayor, Mr. David Tuvyahu. Lunch was arranged in his honour in the Hadassah Hospital.

The British Ambassador, Mr. John W. Nicholls, will visit Haifa today and tomorrow.

The 24 Hadassah leaders left Israel by El Al yesterday after a study tour. On Monday, they were received by Mrs. Chaim Weizmann at her home in Rehovot and paid their respects at the grave of Dr. Chaim Weizmann. While in Rehovot, the group visited the Weizmann Institute of Science.

ARRIVALS: Mr. A. Amir, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture, from Amsterdam, after a two month official visit to Holland and Germany; Miss Emma Levin-Talmi, Mapam, Mrs. Ruth Lubitsh, Communist, and Mrs. Yoheved Bat Rachel, Ahdut Ha'avodah, from a meeting of the World Council of the Social Women's League in Geneva; Mr. Hans Moller, Managing-Director of ATA, from a short business trip to Europe (by Swissair); A group of five key men of the U.J.A. in San Francisco, headed by Mr. Lloyd Dinkelspiel, for a seven day visit (by KLM).

DEPARTURES: Mr. Hillel Dan, Director of the Shilumim Corporation, for Duesseldorf, for a short routine visit; Dr. J. Wolfsberg, of the Jewish National Fund for Stockholm (by SAS); Mr. S. Adiel, Superintendent of the Central District of the Ministry of Education and Culture for Great Britain, Switzerland and Denmark; Dr. Heinz Gruenbaum, Executive Vice-President in charge of Israel Operations of the Palestine Economic Corporation, on Corporation business (by KLM); Mr. A. Gussack, key man of the U.J.A. in the U.S., for Paris, after a month's visit to Israel (by El Al); Mr. Robert G. Miller, of Esso Standard Oil Company, for New York after a one month stay in Israel on behalf of the Company (by Swissair); Mr. R.M. Kneller, to Greece, to direct the photography of three films for the U.S. Government.

Mr. Itzhak Kurland has assumed his post as Director of the Jewish Agency's Economic Department.

Mr. J. Hills and Mr. G. T. Nicholson, Managers of the Scottish Cooperative Wholesale Society, have arrived in this country as guests of the Citrus Marketing Board.

A reception in honour of Mr. Lionel Hampton, artist, was given by the Board of Trustees of Magen David Adom on Monday night at the Israel Touring Club in Jerusalem. Mr. Robert R. Horowitz presented Mr. and Mrs. Hampton with two souvenirs on behalf of Magen David Adom.

Soldier, 18, Dies In Shooting Accident

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — After accidentally shooting himself while cleaning his Sten-gun last Thursday, Uri Vi[illegible], 18, of Kibbutz Magen, died in the Hadassah Hospital here today.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
[illegible]

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 8.15, 9.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 6 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.

6.00 a.m. [illegible] Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 [illegible]. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Morning [illegible] (R). 7.45 Oriental Music (R). 8.00 Close Down.

12.00 p.m. [illegible] (R). 12.30 Ballet Music (R). 1.45 Music at Noon. 2.30 Close Down.

4.00 [illegible] (R). 4.45 Violin Recital: [illegible]. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Musical Echoes (R). 7.30 Agricultural Corner. 7.45 Classical Request Programme (R). 8.45 [illegible] Anniversary of the death of Henrietta Szold. 9.30 Bible Reading. 9.45 This Week in the U.N. 10.00 Twenty Questions. 10.30 Classical Request Programme: "[illegible]" (Honegger). 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
[illegible]

[illegible]

ARMY PROGRAMME: [illegible]

[illegible] 7.00 p.m. News. News Talk: Youth [illegible].

'Mao More Popular Than Stalin Was'

NEW YORK, Tuesday (INA). —Mr. David Hacohen, the Israel Minister in Burma who headed the Israel trade mission to China, is quoted in a "New York Times" report from Hong Kong as saying that Chiang Kai-shek is discredited on the Chinese mainland, while Mao Tse-tung is more popular than Stalin was in Russia. In an interview with Mr. Henry Lieberman, Mr. Hacohen said that the Chinese Communists are bent on the "liberation" of Formosa, but that he "did not get the feeling of war."

Mr. Daniel Lewin, an official of the Israel Foreign Ministry in the delegation, said that he found the atmosphere friendly. Mr. Lewin and Mr. Moshe Bejarano left China with Mr. Hacohen while the two other members of the group, Mr. Meir de Shalit and Mr. Joseph Zarhin, are still there.

Mr. Hacohen said that he found the Chinese very well-versed in business and informed about world markets. The group was impressed by the productive energy in the cities, by the purposefulness and business-like methods there.

Levanon Given Etching Of Independence Hall

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Leaders of the Philadelphia Caravan, a delegation of 44 business and civic leaders representing the Allied Jewish Appeal, today presented a reproduction of a 200-year-old etching of the Philadelphia Independence Hall, the "birthplace of American independence," to Mayor Haim Levanon as a gift from Philadelphia's Mayor Joseph S. Clark, Jr.

The Caravan is led by Mr. Alex F. Stanton, chairman of the Allied Jewish Appeal's 1955 campaign for $4,400,000 for the United Jewish Appeal and other causes, and Mr. Samuel Melnick, Campaign Director, who told Mayor Levanon that the delegation had come on a 10-day tour to "see progress and needs" and hoped to return home "rededicated and reinspired."

The Caravan whose tour here has been arranged through Globe Travel Service Ltd., includes:

Mr. and Mrs. Alex F. Stanton; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Coneston; Mr. and Mrs. Myer Barr; Mr. and Mrs. Israel Atchick; Mr. Nathan Balsham; Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Brandt; Mrs. Eve Bender; Mr. Herbert I. Coren; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Elfman; Dr. and Mrs. Emanuel Fliegelman; Mr. Martin Friedman; Mr. Leo E. Helfand; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Goldstein; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wolfe Golden; Mrs. Henrietta Ash Karr; Mr. Adolph Kempler; Mr. Joseph J. Kabeck; Mr. Ben Leider; Mr. Samuel Melnick; Mrs. Claire Rose; Mr. and Mrs. David R. Pack; Mrs. Mamie R. Mann; Mrs. Anna Refsman; Dr. and Mrs. Raymond O. Stein; Mr. and Mrs. Abner Schreiber; Mrs. Elizabeth Wasserbly; Mr. and Mrs. Mark Woldow; Mr. Emanuel Wilf; Mrs. Edwin H. Weil; Mr. Joseph Wurzel; Mrs. Rose Yoceison.

Planting of Herzl Forest Tomorrow

The tree-planting ceremony at the enlarged Herzl Forest near Ben Shemen, originally scheduled for Tu Bishvat, is to be held at 10:30 tomorrow morning. Among those who will participate are the Knesset Speaker, Mr. J. Sprinzak, Government officials, Army officers, and leaders of the Zionist movement.

A wood in memory of Major Simha Wilenitz, of England, who was killed while serving in Mahal (foreign volunteers) during the War of Liberation, will be planted at Mishmar David, near Nahshon, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry, and representatives of the British Zionist Federation and the Jewish National Fund will attend the ceremony.

'Hamodia' Editor Sues Religious Weekly

Mr. Yehuda Levin, editor of "Hamodia," Agudat Israel daily newspaper, yesterday filed a IL1,000 damage suit in the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court against Mr. Pinhas Peli, editor of "Panim el Panim," a religious weekly magazine.

Mr. Levin claimed that the magazine had printed a statement alleging that he was not the author of the Hassidic stories appearing weekly in "Hamodia," but that they had been plagiarized from Professor Martin Buber's book, "Or Haganuz" ("The Hidden Light"). He also charged that the magazine had refused to print an apology.

Rotary Golden Jubilee Today

The 50th anniversary of the Rotary International will be celebrated by Rotary Clubs throughout the world—including the nine clubs in Israel, today.

In a message to the President of the Rotary International, President Ben-Zvi said the people of Israel fully identified themselves with the ideals of Rotary.

The main celebration in Israel will be in Jerusalem where a "Ladies Night" at the King David Hotel will be followed by the premiere of the Rotary film "The Great Adventure" at the YMCA auditorium.

Mr. A. Peli of the Club's Public Affairs Committee told the press yesterday something about Rotary's service projects in Israel. These included among other activities the maintenance of the Nahariya Secondary School, support for the Glicenstein Museum in Safad, a children's playground at Beit Mazmil in Jerusalem, the provision of fellowships for study abroad.

Mr. Peli also disclosed that the Jerusalem Rotary had taken over the patronage of the forthcoming Israel fencing championships to be held at the YMCA on Saturday, and had presented a challenge-cup for the tournament.

In Haifa, the Jubilee luncheon will take place at Appinger's Hotel at 1.15 p.m. today, and in Tel Aviv, "The Great Adventure" will be shown tomorrow.

Special functions planned by the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Club include an Israel folklore evening in the Tel Aviv Museum, on March 17.

Jordan Stops Drinking of Coffee in Efficiency Drive

No more Turkish coffee is to be consumed by Jordan government officials — or to be offered by them to members of the public — during office hours, according to a circular to the heads of all Government departments signed by Premier Tewfik Abul Huda, and quoted by the Old City "A-Difa."

The circular explained the move by saying that the coffee-drinking habit had hampered efficiency in Jordan government offices.

2 Students from Ma'bara Win Technion Scholarships

Two scholarships, awarded annually by the Teachers' Association at the Technion, Israel Institute of Technology, to outstanding and needy students, were won by two students living in a ma'bara near Haifa.

The winners are Mr. Avraham Kattan, an immigrant from Iraq, who is in the third year of Chemical Engineering, and Mr. Menashe Nissim, from Rumania, who is in the third year of the Chemistry Department of the Faculty of Science.

Both live with their parents in huts at ma'bara David near Haifa. Their study at the Technion takes a special effort and means working far into the night by the light of a kerosene lamp.

The scholarships are of IL500 each and come from a fund established for the purpose by the Teachers' Association, each teacher paying a regular monthly contribution.

Another Mother-in-Law Said Interfering

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — A doctor said in court here yesterday that his mother-in-law interfered "in every possible aspect of his married life" from the bedroom to the upbringing of his family.

Dr. Isaac Gottlieb, 45, was suing his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dinah Gleiser, for allegedly enticing his wife Rachel from him. He also claimed damages from his father-in-law for harbouring his wife and keeping her away from him.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Gleiser deny the accusations and say their daughter was ill-treated by Dr. Gottlieb.

He alleged that Mrs. Gleiser telephoned her daughter every evening during the honeymoon, used to walk into the bedroom in the morning without knocking, referred to him only as "he" and when his wife fell ill watched him giving her injections to see whether he was poisoning her.

When they announced their engagement Mrs. Gleiser had reportedly said: "Anyone who will be unkind to my daughter will have an unnatural death."

The hearing continues.

Baldwin Denies Saying Cairo Trial "Fair"

LONDON, Tuesday (INA). — Mr. Roger Baldwin, American chairman of the International League for the Rights of Man, has denied ever saying that the "Zionist spy trial" in Cairo was conducted in a "spirit of fairness."

In a letter to the press, Mr. Baldwin said: "I made no such comment. I arrived in Egypt after the trial concluded. My comment was construed from remarks I made on another trial I witnessed of Moslem Brotherhood members where the procedure was as fair as before any military court.

"While the procedure in the Zionist case was evidently the same, fair procedure doesn't make fair trials. The judges were military officers without legal training and they reflected inescapably the political parties of the government," he concluded.

SOROPTOMIST CLUB

The Soroptomist Club of Haifa, last week celebrated its first anniversary with a festive luncheon on board the s.s. Negbah in Haifa Port. The Haifa Club is the first branch in Israel of the International Soroptomist Organization, a federation of some 800 women's clubs in various countries organized in the U.S. in 1921 for the purpose of promoting beneficial welfare projects throughout the world. The organization numbers about 20,000 women, mostly in business and the professional world.

Minister's Wife With Women Democrats

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Mrs. Reuven Shiloah, wife of the Israel Minister in Washington, said yesterday that her country "had to overcome many difficulties" in its task of integrating refugees. She was speaking at a luncheon of the Women's National Democratic Club. Mrs. Shiloah described Israel as a "modern laboratory for human relationships and experimentation with new social forms."

Two Creches Donated By Dutch Citizens

By HENRIETTE BOAS

AMSTERDAM, (By Airmail).— For donating two creches to Israel, four members of the Netherlands Committee of the United Nations Appeal for Children received a token award from the Israel Minister to Holland, Dr. E. Yoran, at the Legation at The Hague a fortnight ago.

The Hon. Secretary of the Committee, Miss M. Tjeenk Willink, a member of the Dutch Senate, received a certificate testifying to her inscription in the Jewish National Fund Golden Book, as did Professor R. Kranenburg, professor of Law at Leyden and a member of the State Council. Mrs. G. Wijsmuller-Meyer, of Amsterdam, and Dr. A. Boekholt, of Leyden, each received a certificate that trees had been planted in their names in Israel.

The two creches were officially presented to Israel by the Netherlands Minister to Israel, Mr. G. W. Boissevain, last December.

BARRED FROM ROAD

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A two-month sentence suspended on condition that he drive no vehicle, and not even ride a bicycle for a year, was imposed on Abraham Kenush of Tel Aviv by the Magistrate's court here yesterday.

He had been riding an unlicensed cycle without lights while under the influence of drink, when he collided with a car, sustaining a broken leg.

Arabs Said Joining Karachi Security Plan

KARACHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — President Bayar of Turkey and Premier Mohammed Ali have completed plans for a series of defence alliances to link the Middle East countries in a collective security system. Shortly after the two leaders held their third secret meeting on Sunday a senior Government official disclosed that treaties are being negotiated with Persia, Syria, the Lebanon, Jordan and the Yemen for this purpose.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia were reported to have refused the invitation to join, but it was hoped that they would reconsider the appeal.

Negotiations were near completion with Persia, Syria and the Lebanon and announcements of their intention of joining with Turkey and Pakistan could be expected shortly after signature in Baghdad of the Turco-Iraqi treaty early in March. A similar announcement by Jordan and the Yemen would follow after negotiations with them, it was added.

Britain and the U.S. were reported as being kept informed about the plans. Sir Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, arrived here yesterday for talks with Government officials before flying on to Bangkok for the SEATO conference. He was due to receive full reports about the Middle East negotiations.

Meanwhile, President Bayar on Sunday at a reception at the naval headquarters quoted a Turkish proverb, "If you want peace, prepare for war." He said that Turkey and her Middle East allies must prepare to defend their independence and their honour against all aggression.

State Department sources said in Washington yesterday that they had no information to support Karachi reports that Pakistan and Turkey have completed secret negotiations with Persia, Syria and the Lebanon for a grand defensive alliance.

These circles unofficially expressed scepticism over the accuracy of the Karachi reports.

GOV'T PRESSING LABELLING LAW

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry is making concerted efforts to eliminate the adulteration of manufactured foodstuffs through the full implementation of the new labelling law, a spokesman of the Ministry told *The Jerusalem Post*. A special committee has been set up to guide both manufacturers and consumers with regard to labelling.

Under the law, the label must state the name of the product, the name and address of the manufacturer, and the ingredients in the order of their importance.

At present the law was being implemented with regard to canned goods. The final aim was to eliminate unlabelled goods completely which, in the opinion of the spokesman, would go 90 per cent of the way to ensuring the purity of food products.

Next month the Ministry is to hold an exhibition of labels jointly with the U.S. Operations Mission and the Manufacturers Association for the benefit of manufacturers.

12th Malben Home

Jerusalem Post Reporter

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — A converted kibbutz, which in six months will house 450 aged, is the site of Malben's twelfth old age home in Israel.

With rebuilding going on apace, the first 160 old folk have already moved into what was formerly Kibbutz Givat Hashiloah here. Malben took the site over six months after the last of its Mapai and Mapam members had left for new homes in the area, about a year ago.

Israel YMCA At Paris Centennial

The Jerusalem YMCA will be represented at the YMCA Centennial rally, which will take place in Paris in August, by a delegation headed by the YMCA Secretary General, Mr. Leslie J. Putnam. Some 10,000 delegates from all parts of the world are scheduled to take part.

The Centennial marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the World Alliance of YMCA's, the headquarters of which is at Geneva.

TWO YOUTHS were arrested yesterday on suspicion of having thrown stones at policemen who had come to disperse a demonstration at the Children's Club of the Working Mothers Organization in Jerusalem.

Stars Shine at Track Meet

Many of Israel's top athletes appeared in the track and field meet at the Tel Aviv Stadium on Saturday, when four new Israel records were set (as reported Sunday). David Tabak, representing the South, won two short distances events, the 100 and 400 metres. The 100 m. he covered in 10.9 seconds, whilst in the second, in which he clocked 51.9 seconds, he paced young Aviram Hagai, who came in second in 53.3 to set the new youth record for this distance.

David Kushnir, North, was also well in the picture. He won the long jump with 6.82 metres, and the hop, step and jump with 13.70 m., as well as coming in second to Tabak in the 100 m. sprint in 11.1 seconds. Ya'acov Bornstein (North) by winning the 3,000 metres and setting the new Israel Record of 9:05.4 minutes, beat the former holder, Y. Salma, of Haifa Maccabi and North, who had registered the previous record of 9:09.8. This time Salma could only clock 9:11.4.

Among other well-known local athletes, Arie Kleinstub, South, easily won his speciality, the high jump, with a leap of 1.81 m.; E. Shoham (South) won the shot-put with 13.10 m.; U. Galin took the discus throw with 41.93 m.; and Y. Mandelbrot, the javelin throw, with 52.95 m. Both men's relays went to the North, the 4 x 100 m. in 44.9 seconds, and the 3 x 3 x 1000 m. in 8:19.4 minutes.

In the women's events young Rina Weinreich (South) won two events, the 100 metres in 13.0 seconds and the 200 metres in 27.5 secs. Tamar Matel (South) took both jumps, the high with 1.40½ m. and the long with 5.20 m., while A. Wittenberg (North) gained the discus throw with 37.08 m. and was second to record-breaking Ruth Rahman in the shot-put with 11.01. Ruth Rahman, in creating a new shot-put record of 11.27 metres, improved on her own 11.13, set only a fortnight previously. Edna Medalia (South) was first in the javelin throw with 32.36 m. North's Galia Hadass gained a second and a third, while South and Jerusalem's A. Pentorin gained two third places. The 4 x 100 m. was won by the South team in 53.0 seconds.

RESULTS: MEN: 100 m.: 1) D. Tabak (S) 10.9 secs; 2) D. Kushnir (N) 11.1; 3) Bergman (N) 11.2. 400 m.: 1) D. Tabak 51.9; 2) Aviram Hagai (N) 53.3; 3) S. Danai (S) 53.5. 800 m.: Y. Natanovitz (S) 2:03.6; 2) M. Bardichevsky (S) 2:04.0; 3) M. Sadovitch (N) 2:07.0. Long jump: 1) D. Kushnir 6.82; 2) V. Cohen (N) 6.36; 3) Ben Best (S) 6.27. High jump: 1) A. Kleinstub (S) 1.81 m.; 2) M. Back-on (N) 1.71; 3) E. Yamuri (N) 1.71. Hop, step and jump: 1) D. Kushnir 13.70; 2) Y. Chen (S) 12.95; 3) D. Silberger (S) 12.80. Shot-put: 1) E. Shoham (S) 13.10; 2) E. Shreiber (N) 13.02; 3) A. Green (S) 12.62. Discus: 1) U. Galin (S) 41.93; 2) A. Silberman (S) 40.77; 3) E. Shreiber 37.92. Javelin: 1) Y. Mandelbrot (N) 52.95; 2) A. Silberman 51.75; 3) A. Green 50.95. Relays: 4 x 100: 1) North 44.9; 2) South 45.2. 3 x 1000: 1) North 8:19.4; 2) South 8:29.8. WOMEN: 100 m.: 1) Rina Weinreich (S) 13.0 secs.; 2) Galia Hadass (N) 13.1; 3) A. Adir (S) 13.3. 200 m.: 1) R. Weinreich 27.5; 2) N. Silberman (N) 28.0; 3) R. Bugin (S) 28.3. Long jump: Tamar Matel (S) 5.20 m.; 2) Gutman (N) 4.93; 3) G. Hadass 4.83. High jump: 1) T. Matel 1.40½; 2) Gutman 1.35½; 3) Lichtenstein (N) 1.30. Shot-put: R. Rahman (N) 11.27; 2) A. Wittenberg (N) 11.01; 3) A. Pentorin (S) 10.57. Discus: 1) A. Wittenberg 37.08; 2) A. Poloski (S) 35.17; 3) A. Pentorin 33.97. Javelin: 1) Edna Medalia (S) 32.36; 2) Goddard (N) 30.85; 3) Bornstein (S) 29.94. Relay — 4 x 100 m.: 1) South 53.0 secs; 2) North 54.5.

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Jerusalem Hapoel Wins Away

In other soccer games over the week-end (apart from those reported Sunday), Jerusalem Hapoel registered a win at Rishon Le Zion by defeating the local Hapoel side 1-0, after a goal-less first half, in a League B (South) match. Another game in this section brought a 3-0 victory to Jaffa Maccabi over Tel Aviv Bnei Yehuda. A friendly "derby" between Hadera Betar and Hadera Maccabi Brandies brought a scoring feast with the Betar side victors by 5-3, after leading 3-1 at the interval.

The draw for the 2nd. Round of the Israel Football Cup to be played on Saturday next — with League B sides entering the trophy affray for the first time — was: Nahariya Hap. vs. Bet Lid Hap.; Zichron Macc. vs. Athlit Sports Club; Lydda Macc. or Rosh Pina Macc. vs. Jaffa Betar; Ramatayim Hap. vs. Ra'anana Hap.; Ness Ziona Hap. vs. Y.M.C.A. Jerusalem; Ramat Gan Macc. vs. Tel Aviv Hakoah; Sha'arayim Macc. vs. Haifa Orthodox; Mikhmoret Hap. vs. T.A. Bnei Yehuda; Mahane Yehuda Hap. vs. Rishon Hap.; Emek Beth Hap. vs. Acre Hap.; Natanya Hap. vs. Jaffa Hap.; Rehovot Hap. vs. Herzlia Hap.; Kiriat Haim Hap. vs. Christian Brotherhood; Jaffa Macc. vs. Hadera Macc.; Holon Macc. or Ein Ganim Macc. vs. Haifa Hakoah; Jerusalem Macc. vs. Lydda Hap.; Ramle Hap. vs. Yavne Hap. or T.A. Macc. Shmuel; Migdal vs. Zichron Hap. or Be'er Ya'acov Hap.; Jerusalem Hap. vs. Even Yehuda Hap.; Ramle Macc. vs. Even Yehuda Hap.

Carmeli Appeal Allowed

The I.F.A. Appeals Committee of Messrs. B. Eden, S. Brenner, A. Tamari, M. Koperberg and A. Lerner after two meetings decided to revoke the life suspension of Amital Carmeli, of Petah Tikva Maccabi, and impose a suspension of five years instead.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

Feb. 22.		Rise or Fall
Pop. Loans 1949/ (IL.10)	[illegible]	[illegible]
5½% Tnuot Bonds s[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5½% Govt. Bds. (bearer)	[illegible]	[illegible]
6% Reg. Sterling "A"	[illegible]	[illegible]
6% Reg. Sterling "B" a)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pal. Ec. Bds. Ser. 2	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bk. Leumi ord. sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
A.P.B. Investm. 6% debs. 50/70 c)	[illegible]	[illegible]
ord. sh. "B"	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gaeli ord. sh. "B"	[illegible]	[illegible]
Elbaz's Inv. ord. "B"	[illegible]	[illegible]
P.E.C. Inv. ord. "B" sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gen Mortg. Bk. ord. sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible] 6% debs. 56/66 a)	[illegible]	[illegible]
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5% debs.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Afr. Pal. Inv. ord. sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rassco 6% pref. ord sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pal. Potash 6% pref. sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
"A" ord. shares	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pal. Elec. ord. sh. (Jer.)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pal. Elec. pref. sh. (Ldn)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Jer. Elec. Corp. ord. sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mekoroth pref. sh. b)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ata ord "B" sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
6-8% conv. debs.	[illegible]	[illegible]
"Kardanah" ord. "B" sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
7% conv. debs. 38/64 c)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Moller-Dee ord. sh. reg. x	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pal.-Brewery 8% pref. sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Assis Bejarano "B" sh. c)	[illegible]	[illegible]
"Teva" ord. sh.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	[illegible]	[illegible]
6% debs. "B" c)	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs. a)	[illegible]	[illegible]
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JERUSALEM

At 4.00, 6.45 and 9.00 p.m.
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TEL AVIV

At 4.30, 7.15 and 9.30 p.m.
ALLENBY: "Les Enfants du Paradis," 7th week.
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EDEN: Sign of Jezebel, 2nd week.
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MOGRABI: How to Marry a Millionaire.
OPHIR: "Le Grand Jeu," 3rd week.
TAMAR: Come Back, Little Sheba, 7th week. Continuous from 10 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.: The Eagle and the Hawk.
TABOR: The cowboy's Say Nel [illegible] week.
SAVOY: The Quiet Hand [illegible] 9.30 p.m. [illegible] 4 a.m.: Highway [illegible].

HAIFA

GAL OR: The Belly Dancer, 2, 4.45 and 9 p.m. Matinees: Red, [illegible] and Blue.
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Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ Lectures:—
Dr. Solomon Kugelmass at Jerusalem Branch of Israel Psychological Association on "Use of Psychological Tests in Prognosis of Psychiatric Conditions" (in English). At School for Social Work, Rehov Alharizi 4, 8.15 p.m.

★ Exhibitions:—
"Sabarliner"—Photographs, by Theodore Brauner. Copper and Silver Reliefs by Arieh Merzer. Artists House, 10-1, 4-6.
Exhibition of Oils and Drawings by Shlomo Van Den Berg and Sculptures by David Palombo, "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 5 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 3-6.
Oil Paintings and Pen Drawings by Yosl Bergner. Exhibition of Paintings of the 17th century from the Museum's collection. Exhibit of the Month: glass Vessel [illegible]. [illegible] Crafts [illegible], in memory of Mr. Y. [illegible], Bezalel Museum, 9-1, 3-6.
"Treasures of the Desert" permanent exhibition of the Scroll [illegible]. Exhibition 10-1, 4-6 p.m. Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: [illegible] of a Community [illegible] (XVIIth-XVIIIth centuries B.C.E.), 28 Rehov [illegible], 10-1.

★ Tours:—
[illegible] tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Library:—
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Rd. Entrance free, 8-12, 2-4.

★ Film Shows:—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11:30 a.m.

★ Theatres:—
Yiddisher Kammer Theater — "Die Dorfische Libe" — Liberty. Lilliana — Edison Cinema, 8.30 p.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Exhibitions:—
1) Abstract and Surrealist Paintings. 2) Nahum Gutman, recent works. 3) Hiroshige colour woodcuts (Collection Dr. Mc-Grail). Tel Aviv Museum, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

★ Theatres:—
Habimah, "The Caine Mutiny," Habimah Theatre, 9 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "Pantomime". Mograbi Hall, 9 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, Shakespeare's "As You Like It". Chamber Theatre Hall, 9 p.m.

★ Concerts:—
Tonight's Schoenberg concert at the Z.O.A. House has been postponed.
Violin Recital by Sheila Marvin. At the piano: M. Loring. Museum, 8.30 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions:—
Paintings and sculptures by artists of the Modern Arts, and paintings by Shlomo Van Den Berg, Municipal Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

REHOVOT-NES-ZIONA

★ Theatre:—
Habimah, "A Tale of Three and Four," 9 p.m.

HOLON

★ [illegible]:—
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Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

FORECAST: Possible isolated showers in north and coastal plain in early morning; later partly cloudy to fair.

	°A	B	C	D
Mt. Carmel	46	8	16	12
Tiberias	42	14	20	14
Haifa Port	44	17	18	16
Nazareth	44	13	20	12
Tel Aviv Kiryа	41	11	19	10
Tel Aviv Port	50	12	20	11
Lydda Airport	49	9	20	10
Jerusalem	46	13	18	12
Beersheba	46	13	18	12
Eilat	56	13	24	13
Sdom	58	—	24	16

°A) Humidity at 9 a.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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FOR BURNING brush without taking adequate fire precautions Yehiel Orion, 22, of Hartuv *moshava* was yesterday fined IL.100 by the Jerusalem Magistrate. The fire spread to a nearby olive grove, causing extensive damage.

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200 DUNAMS have been allocated near various *moshavot* for the cultivation of gladiolas intended for export. The project, under the supervision of the Women's Employment Section of the Labour Ministry and the Ministry of Agriculture, is designed to ease unemployment.

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THE COMMITTEE OF THREE Jerusalem Councillors, set up by the Municipality to deal with the problem of Sabbath traffic and the religious disturbances near the Children's Club in Rehov Devora Hanevia, did not hold its scheduled meeting yesterday. One of the Councillors is on vacation and a second was too busy to attend.

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ISRAEL IS ONE of the five countries to which Sabena Airlines will devote most of its tourist publicity this year, according to a letter received by the Israel Tourist Office in New York from the Belgian company.

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A GIFT shipment of rockets sent by U.S. Jewry for Independence Day is now on the way to Israel with additional shipments expected next month. The rockets are to be fired off in Jerusalem on the eve of Independence Day. Gifts of balloons and candy from the Jewish communities in the U.S. will be distributed to children during the holiday celebrations.

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A 10-YEAR-OLD girl has received official notification that she may vote in the Knesset elections. She is Nurit Haskin, daughter of Ishak Haskin, Treasurer of the Histadrut.

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THREE WINDOW panes of the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv were smashed on Monday by Mr. Meir Markowski, of no fixed abode, after the American Consul had refused to grant him a visa to the U.S. Markowski also attacked the constable who arrested him with the iron rod he had used to break the window.

Haifa General Zionist Suggests 'Secret Fund'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The charge that the Haifa Municipality was using a "clandestine" fund to finance the grant of three flats to writers and artists was made in the Town Council last night by Mr. K. Zimmerman (General Zionists) and not by Dr. G. Kaminka (Progressives) as stated in *The Jerusalem Post* today. In pointing out the error, the Mayor, Mr. Abba Khoushy, said that Dr. Kaminka did support the practice of bringing writers and artists to Haifa.

Mr. Kaminka's criticism referred to what he described as "making a big fuss about prizes of IL300 while prizes of free flats, worth thousands of pounds, are given away without consulting the Town Council."

Mr. Zimmerman, though also in favour of attracting writers and artists, said the funds were collected by granting builders illegal relaxations in the Building Code and the fund's administration was surrounded by secrecy.

Mr. Khoushy reminded the General Zionist Councillors that he himself had proposed a Municipal Committee for the project, but that they had objected to it. The Council approved such a committee last night.

Churchill to Speak On Atomic Warfare

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter)—Sir Winston Churchill told the Commons today that he would speak on atomic warfare in a defence debate next week. He said he would also refer then to India's proposal to the U.N. that all atomic and hydrogen tests should be banned.

Britain had not accepted the Indian proposal, he said.

The Prime Minister told a Labour questioner that he would certainly not at present associate himself with any step to suspend hydrogen bomb and atomic tests while disarmament discussions were going on

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VITA

Israel Getting Laboratories Ready To Produce Anti-Polio Vaccine

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Reports from Canada on a vaccine against poliomyelitis are sufficiently hopeful to justify Israel shortly commencing laboratory preparations for the manufacture of such a vaccine, Dr. S. Blesh, Director-General of the Health Ministry, disclosed in a review of the Ministry's budget before the Health Council in Jerusalem yesterday.

At this stage, only IL30,000 have been allocated to four laboratories, each place concentrating on a different field of experiment. If experiments should succeed in Canada, the U.S. or South Africa, noted Dr. Blesh, there would be acute world demand which could not be satisfied by these producers.

The health budget for 1956-57 will barely maintain the general level attained this year, and permit a minor expansion in preventive medicine. Estimated expenditure totals IL20m., compared with IL18m. in the current fiscal year.

The pay-roll for extra hospital staff accounts for IL170,000, said Dr. Blesh. During 1954, 1,000 Health Ministry employees, almost all professionals, left for better-paid positions. (The Ministry has 4,900 employees altogether, whose salaries represent about 60 per cent of each year's budget).

The staff turnover at Government hospitals is much higher than in other medical institutions.

The Ministry has decided to make Ramle and its environs into a demonstration area for the prevention of infant diarrhoea, a disease which fills the pediatric wards each summer. About 20 more maternity clinics will open there, and a constant check will be made of the region's epidemiology. This measure follows a three-month campaign in the district held last summer.

Interim results show that each baby fell ill 1.3 times during the summer. In some *ma'barot* each infant sickened 2.3 times.

The incidence of diarrhoea dropped slightly among children from one to three years of age. A re-inforcement of doctors and nurses slightly improved the situation.

Control of Dietary Products Urged

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Health Council yesterday voted by a large majority to retain the minimum age of marriage at 17 years, with the possibility of marriage at 16 if a special medical committee approves. The Council's sub-committee on maternal care had recommended lowering the age to 16, conditional upon consent of the parents.

Health Ministry control of dietary products was urged by the Health Council, in view of the appearance of locally-made foods claiming medical benefits. Such preparations should be marketed only with a license from the Ministry, after laboratory examination of ingredients and properties.

Proposals for the prevention of tetanus in newly-born infants were debated and returned to the maternal care committee for bringing up-to-date. In 1953, when the problem was reviewed, 24 cases of tetanus were reported, 17 of them fatal.

As all these cases occurred after a birth at home, the committee recommended stronger inducements for hospitalization. The National Insurance Institute must bear the cost of transporting mothers to the maternity wards, even from the most remote villages, the committee emphasized.

TEL AVIV OVERWHELMS ASHKELON AT CRICKET

Tel Aviv Cricket Club completely overwhelmed Ashkelon on their own ground in the first friendly match of the season to win by an innings over the weekend. Batting first, Ashkelon collapsed before the bowling of A. Cohen (4 for 19) and Beech (3 for 12), and at one stage were 8 for 5. Tony Gordon saved the situation with 29 including 3 sixes, but the innings closed at 53.

Tel Aviv declared at 122 for 4 wickets, largely due to a century partnership between Bernie Cohen (53) and Julie Lewis (49).

In its second innings Ashkelon were dismissed for 41 by Bernie Cohen (4 for 10), A. Cohen (3 for 5) and Behrmann (3 for 5), giving Tel Aviv a win by an innings and 68 runs.

AMERICAN MISSIONS throughout Israel were closed yesterday on the occasion of George Washington's birthday.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: Frozen fish: 150 gms. fillet and 100 gms. kabalo. Tue Bet 14, Temp. 2i. 250 pr. per kg. fillet, 200 pr. per kg. kabalo. Onion: Jan. ration, 250 gms. Tev Aleph 2, Feb. ration, 250 gms. Tev Aleph 3, Temp. 24. 150 pr. per kg. Frozen meat for invalids: 300 gms. Med. Asst. coupons dated Feb. 20.

TEL AVIV AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Poultry for children: South-ern District, 250 gms. Samach 28, Inspectors method: 750 gms. coupons 3, 4, Elderly persons: 250 gms. Shin Mem 44, invalids: 250 gms. Tet Aleph 41, Tue Bet 5. Frozen meat for invalids: 300 gms. Med. Asst. coupons dated Feb. 20.

HAIFA AND NORTHERN DISTRICT: Oil: Feb. ration, 400 gms. Samach 28, Temp. 1. Tea: In Haifa, Northern and Emeknen district: 50 gms. Dalet and Heh cards, 250 pr. 100 gms. Gimmel cards, 500 pr. Samach 24, Tem-p. 26. Filled chocolate for children: 1 package, no coupon. Temp. 12.

Camel, Horse, Donkey Meat on Market

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Seventy per cent of the meat sold in Israel comes from illegally-slaughtered cattle.

Camel, horse and donkey meat is regularly offered for sale and served in restaurants.

These are completely inadmissible in sausages and this menace to the public health.

These facts were revealed yesterday in Jerusalem by senior officials of the Ministry of Agriculture.

According to law, all cattle must be slaughtered in public abattoirs and sold only if certified fit for consumption by veterinary inspectors. Since, however, 30% of the carcasses must by law be reserved for distribution as rations or sold to hostels, restaurants, Sherp companies and institutions, illegal slaughter provides higher profits, besides facilitating evasion of income tax.

Illegal slaughter completely evades all public health supervision, the Ministry official complained, and many of the cattle, camels and horses and donkeys slaughtered are diseased or infirm. Sausages and mince-meat are particularly likely to be unfit for consumption.

Ministry of Agriculture inspectors regularly inspect slaughterhouses under police protection. During the last few days one of the largest butchers in Tel Aviv has been found to be marketing mince-meat composed of a mixture of camel meat and beef, and sausages containing nothing but camel meat.

Camel, horse and donkey meat has been found to be served in some of Tel Aviv's best-known restaurants.

An investigation of one restaurant disclosed the liver of a yet unidentified animal.

1,500 Head of Cattle In Galilee Infected

A new outcry of foot-and-mouth disease infection has been discovered in the herd of the Arab village of Mi'ilya in Upper Galilee, the Ministry of Agriculture announces. The total number of cattle affected in Galilee is now over 1,000.

Cattle of local breeds are not slaughtered; they are isolated and the unaffected cattle of the herd are deliberately infected so as to speed up the course of the disease. Milk from the affected herds is not allowed to be sent to market without boiling, but the meat from the unaffected parts of diseased cattle is fit for consumption.

An additional 10,000 double doses of serum are expected to arrive from Holland today. It is intended to inoculate all the 70,000 pedigree cattle in the country, and it is hoped that the disease will be brought under control. Priority is being given to herds in agricultural experimental stations and agricultural schools.

400 PHONES FOR HAIFA BAYSIDE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A total of 400 outstanding requests for phones in Haifa's Bayside area will be filled when an old Ramat Gan exchange is transferred there, a Ministry of Posts spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post*, yesterday. He was answering a charge made this week at a meeting of the Haifa Manufacturers Association that many Bayside enterprises were still without telephones.

The spokesman added, however, that the phones could not be installed this year.

Double telephone rates were paid in the Bayside area, as it was outside the five-mile periphery of the city's centre, the spokesman said. According to a Ministry of Posts Ordinance, a "local call" is one made within such a five-mile periphery without reference to municipal boundaries.

Arabs Charged With Aiding Enemy

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Charged with giving information likely to benefit the enemy, two Arabs were brought for preliminary investigation before a magistrate today.

The accused's counsel appealed for a release on bail on the grounds that both had already been in custody for 20 days, the whole case against them rested on their own confessions and there was no fear of them escaping out of the country. The magistrate, Mr. H. Sternberg, remanded them in custody until the next sitting in a week's time.

A CONSIGNMENT of 25 kilos of strawberries was sent yesterday by Tnuva to London by KLM. This is the second consignment of strawberries sent to England recently.

Ben-Zvi Pays Homage To Henrietta Szold

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The tenth anniversary of the death of Henrietta Szold was movingly commemorated in Jerusalem last night by hundreds of her friends and colleagues from Youth Aliya, Ha-dassah, WIZO, and the Szold Foundation. "The nation owes Henrietta Szold a great debt, which can only be repaid by following in her footsteps," declared President Itzhak Ben-Zvi, under whose patronage the memorial took place.

The pioneer efforts of Henrietta Szold, he said, laid the foundations of Israel's health services, social work and education network. Although she did not live to see the fulfilment of her plans, the basic system she has moulded was there to greet the young State. Before the State emerged, the organization she had created—Hadassah—had already come to grips with malaria. Youth Aliya enshrined her deep feeling for the individual child, recalled the President, after a group of Youth Aliya youngsters had laid tributes of wild flowers beside her portrait.

Golda Myerson's Tribute

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. G. Myerson, also spoke on Henrietta Szold as "one of the rare souls who never lost the personal human touch throughout her life of striving for the community in general." She achieved her victories not without painful search and doubts.

Opening the ceremony, Mrs. M. Granott, chairman of the memorial committee and head of the Hadassah Council, announced that the entire month of Adar would be consecrated to the memory of Henrietta Szold. Conventions of youth, social workers and teachers have been arranged. Every schoolchild in Israel received a pamphlet on the anniversary, and every teacher was sent a booklet with letters and a biography of Miss Szold. Excerpts from Miss Szold's correspondence were read by Orna Porat of the Chamber Theatre. The prayer for the dead was intoned by Cantor Bar Zakkai, and the Israel Quartet preluded the ceremony with an adagio of Mozart.

Among the assembly were the Knesset Speaker, Mr. Y. Sprinzak; the heads of the National Institutions; uniformed student nurses from Hadassah Medical Organization, and Henrietta Szold's life-long companion, Emma Ehrlich.

DELEGATIONS GREET NEW CHIEF RABBI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Throughout yesterday delegations from all parts of the country have been calling on the new Sephardi-Rishon le-Zion, Rabbi Yitshak Nissim, at his residence in Jerusalem. Among those who congratulated him were also many of those who had bitterly opposed his candidature, and who now put themselves at his disposal.

Rabbi Nissim sent a cable to Chief Rabbi Toledano of Tel Aviv congratulating him on his selection as a member of the Supreme Rabbinical Council and expressing his hope for full co-operation in all matters.

The full Rabbinical Council as previously constituted met yesterday without Chief Rabbi Nissim, who had not previously been a member.

The new Council is expected to hold its first meeting next week.

Danish Labour Leaders Visit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The three most interesting areas in the world from the point of view of experiments in social progress were Israel, India and Scandinavia, Mr. Eller Jensen, the President of the Danish Federation of Trade Unions, told *The Jerusalem Post* today. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Olaf Carlsgon, Secretary General of the Danish Social Democrat Party, arrived early today for an eight day visit as guests of the Histadrut.

The two labour leaders are to visit Jerusalem tomorrow where they will be received by President Ben-Zvi and the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson. They will lunch with the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Pinas Naphtali. Today they visited the Histadrut Executive building and were received by Mr. Mordechai Namir, the Secretary General, and Mr. Reuven Barkatt, head of the Political Department. After a tour of the city they attended a performance of "As You Like It" by the Chamber Theatre.

KILLED BY FALL INTO WELL

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Fetching a pail of water from a well at her village in Dalijat el Carmel east Sadia Mahmud Abu Dahish, 30, lost her life, yesterday morning. The girl went in from water at the well, which has no safety railing, and failed to return. Villagers who went to look for her found her dead inside the well.

'Montor Broke No Pacts with UJA'

Mr. Henry Montor, Chief Executive Officer of the Israel Bond Organization, has broken no agreements or understandings with United Jewish Appeal fundraising in raising Israel Bond campaigns abroad to maintain their activities throughout the year, Mr. Joseph Sagerman, Bond Chairman for Israel, stated yesterday at a press conference in Jerusalem. Mr. Sagerman was referring to reports in yesterday's press concerning alleged negotiations of Bond personnel in American communities over the Bond-U.J.A. coordination issue.

Before the beginning of the Development Loans Campaign, there was complete understanding between the Bond Organization and the Israel Government that the Campaign would be conducted on a year-round basis, Mr. Sagerman said. The Bond Campaign did not interfere with other local drives because it sought investment funds, while the Welfare campaigns were concerned with philanthropic funds, he added.

Mr. Montor had not refused to come to Israel to discuss coordination of the two campaigns, although he was still of the opinion that any discussions with U.J.A. officials would be fruitless, Mr. Sagerman said. In comparing the results of the two drives, the Bond Chairman pointed out that receipts from Bonds, which were expected to total between IL40m. and IL45m. this year, reached Israel Treasury intact while only half of the U.J.A. funds were channelled to Israel through the Keren Hayesod.

Father Asks Court To Evict Son from Home

A 65-year-old father has requested the Jerusalem Magistrate's Court to evict from his apartment his 31-year-old son for bad conduct.

The father, a Jerusalem pensioner, claims that the son, "who benefited a good education," not only refuses to go to work, but also acts in a way detrimental to the moral behaviour of his brothers. The father also claims that the son had beaten him.

The hearing is scheduled for next month. (Hbm)

Legal Council Revokes T. A. Lawyers' Permits

The Legal Council has permanently revoked the licences of two lawyers for unethical conduct. Both lawyers live in Tel Aviv. Only their initials were revealed.

Mr. E. A., who was previously reprimanded severely several times by the Council, was for taking money under false pretences. He had his licence revoked at the Council session last week, while Mr. M. B. had his revoked five months ago. The latter has filed an appeal with the Supreme Court.

Mr. E. A. was given an opportunity to appear before a plenary session of the Council to defend himself against the charges brought against him. The Council, after hearing his defence, decided by a majority vote on revocation.

Here One Day, They're At Work at Hatzor

TIBERIAS, Tuesday. — Eighteen heads of families, of a group of 27 families who only yesterday settled at Hatzor, near Rosh Pina, today joined a course in tree-trimming, organized by Mata'et Ha'oma. They will earn full wages while learning, and get IL2 a day as an advance on their wages. Eight newcomer women workers also began work on tree-trimming today.

The 27 families, a "ship-to-village" group, arrived in the country on Sunday, and found new huts, food and basic equipment waiting for them at Hatzor.

Orphan, 4, Arrives From Poland

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Four-year-old Genia Katz, whose parents were murdered by thieves in Poland a year ago, arrived here by S.A.S. last night. She was welcomed by her grandmother and aunt.

For a year the grandmother, Mrs. Regina Schiller, and her uncle, Mr. Moshe Schiller, both of Ramle, have been trying to bring the orphan here.

When the Polish authorities finally issued travel documents for the girl, she was brought to Vienna by an official of the Israel Legation in Warsaw. A 77-year-old immigrant from Hungary, Mrs. Berta Adler, arrived from Budapest on the same plane. Her daughter, Mrs. S. Delilo of Ramle, had been trying for five years to get an exit permit for her.

$9,000 FRAUD CHARGED

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. —Suspected of extracting $9,000 under false pretences, Folkin and Isaac Langus were each allowed IL1,000 bail and ordered to hand over their passports by Magistrate, Mrs. M. Shamir today. The money was received in 1952, allegedly to buy machinery to set up a factory.

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stinct to demand lower taxes on the one hand, and the continuation of government services and subsidies, on the other.

As for the charge of Dr. Y. Bader (Herut) that the Government was deliberately restricting immigration, Mr. Eshkol dismissed it as pure libel.

To assert that the country was still in financial difficulties despite that there had been no sizeable immigration for the last two years, was to ignore the fact that the expenses of absorbing an immigrant did not cease when he disembarked; it cost between IL35,000 and IL40,000 to get the average family settled squarely.

To Mr. Hanan Rubin (Ahdut Ha'avoda), the Minister replied it was true that IL50m. of the David guneiz Budget went for the repayment of debts but development was impossible without loans, and if loans were made they had to be repaid.

Mr. Bunyoff, the last speaker in the general debate before the Finance Minister, stated that inflation had been checked and confidence in the stability of prices and in the currency was constantly growing stronger.

Nevertheless, the country was not nearing its final goal — economic independence. Economic independence, he pointed out meant at least covering consumption, which is estimated at between $180m. and $200m. a year. This sum could be earned only from export.

Exports last year reached $58m., of which $40m. represented manufactured goods, and $18m. citrus. But the added value was only 30% for citrus and 20% for industrial exports, making net earnings from last year's exports $24m.

Since the extent to which export of citrus and other agricultural products could be increased was limited, the only solution was to increase industrial exports, even though their added value was less, and these would have to be increased by 10 or 12 times what they were in 1954 to cover current consumption.

Mr. Bunyoff gave the lie to the "legend" that industry had not made sufficient use of its opportunity to acquire new equipment through Reparations. Plans for the use of the entire $60m. which the Government had made available to industry had been submitted by the Ministry, and the Reparations Committee had already approved the allocation of $15m.

Gravimetric Survey To Be Completed in Year

REHOVOT, Tuesday. — The gravimetric mapping of Israel from Lake Hula in the north to Ein Husb in the southern Negev will be completed in a year's time, it was announced here today by Professor C. L. Pekeris, Chairman of the Scientific Committee of the Weizmann Institute of Science.

By that time every part of Israel for which gravimetric mapping is required will have been covered, Prof. Pekeris added. This is part of the geophysical survey of the State to ascertain possible oil-bearing structures and deep-lying water horizons undertaken by the Department of Applied Mathematics, of which Prof. Pekeris is the head.

He made the announcement during a tour of the Institute conducted for provincial correspondents of the Press.

Dr. Pekeris revealed that the international congress on Macro-molecules (Polymers) for 1956 would be held at the Institute in Rehovot. The triennial congress was last held in Europe in 1953, and is scheduled to assemble at the Institute in April, 1956.

Prof. Pekeris stated that in July, 1955, it would be five years since the seismic (artificial earthquake) system of geophysical surveying was first introduced in Israel. The site where it was first undertaken in 1950 was Beit Netofa, in Galilee, in connection with the great reservoir which has since been constructed there.

The newspapermen toured the Institute accompanied by Mr. J. L. Meltzer, head of the Organization and Public Relations Department. They were later the guests of the Institute at luncheon and were addressed by Dr. E. M. Bloch, Administrative Director.

Sherut Taxis And Tel Aviv City Agree

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Two competing Sherut Taxi systems are to operate here because the Municipality had allegedly been negotiating separately with the Sherut Taxi Drivers Association and the Taxi Drivers Union, the secretary of the Union, Mr. Moshe Lipshitz, told *The Jerusalem Post* today.

Mr. Lipshitz said that having had the consent of the City authorities his Union would go ahead with the plan for a properly operated service and that tomorrow he would be meeting representatives of the recognised taxi parking stations to work out the final details.

Earlier in the day a spokesman of the Sherut Drivers Association told members of the Press that they had come to an agreement with the Municipality under the terms of which drivers would continue to operate according to a *laissez faire* system travelling on whichever routes took their fancy. The City Transport Department had marked places on the main thoroughfares where Sherut taxis could pick up or set down passengers but had so far failed to allocate termini.

In the Magistrates Court here today three of the drivers arrested during Sunday's demonstration were given suspended sentences of three months and another 11 of one month.

Supports Nurses' Claims

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Histadrut Central Committee yesterday decided to support the claims of the nurses working in Government and Municipal establishments for shorter hours and pay for overtime and work on holidays.

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Test Drilling Begun In Hahatza Area

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday.—Structure test drilling has begun in the Hahatza district, Mr. J. A. Brinn, vice-president of the Israel-American Oil Corporation, disclosed here today. Tests were made about 45m. from 750 to 800 metres in the 220,000 dunam prospecting area.

Mr. Brinn warned that much "hard and dirty work" would have to be done before oil could be found in Israel. He agreed that the unexpected could happen but said that these occurrences might be disappointing like the finding of water instead of oil.

Power Failure At Haifa Hospital

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The power failed at the Rothschild Hospital here late last night when the main switchboard was short-circuited.

The Fire Brigade, which was immediately alarmed, prevented the resultant fire from spreading and an emergency repair crew of the Palestine Electric Corporation restored the current shortly after midnight. A hospital spokesman said here this morning that the breakdown caused only little interference thanks to the fact that there were no emergency operations at the time.

A fire that broke out in a clothes cupboard at 20 Maneh Hill, Mount Carmel, last night caused IL300 damage.

Ike Urges Congress To Approve Road Plan

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — President Eisenhower, asking Congress to approve his $101bn. road programme, said today the U.S. must have a road network permitting people to move out of target areas quickly in case of atomic attack.

The President cited the danger of "deadly congestion" during atomic warfare as one of the reasons for "action, comprehensive and quick and forward looking," for highway improvements.

He also said that better highways would save lives, reduce the annual toll of 36,000 killed and more than a million injured. The economic loss from accidents was estimated at $4,300m. a year.

5-MILLION UNEMPLOYED PREDICTED IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). — Mr. Leon Keyserling, economic adviser to former President Truman, predicted last night that unemployment will rise to nearly 5 million this year. Government figures now show there are slightly more than 3 million unemployed.

He said joblessness will rise because the economy is not expanding enough to keep pace with the population increase and the growth in the number of persons wanting jobs and able to work. There is a belief that "all is well, when all is not well," he said in a television interview.

DETAIN MAN WHO CROSSED LINES

One of the three persons returned to Israel by Jordan at Mandelbaum Gate on Monday, Zvi Kofferminz, 30, was yesterday ordered detained for five days by Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Bazak.

The detention order was issued at the request of police who claimed that it was suspected that Kofferminz deliberately crossed the lines and also revealed information to the Arabs while in prison. (Hbm)

THE MEETING of the Budgetary Subcommittee of the Central Elections Committee, which was to have taken place today, will take place next Wednesday.

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Cables in Brief

QUAKE. — People fled from their homes on Monday when a strong earthquake shook Volos in central Greece, killing one person and damaging houses. The population slept in the open for fear of fresh tremors.

RADAR. — West German defence experts led by an ex-army general will visit the British Government's top secret radio and radar centre at Malvern, Worcestershire, it was announced in London yesterday.

STAMP. — A photograph of the commemorative stamp, designed by Mr. George Hamori, of Tel Aviv, in honour of UNESCO has been released in New York by the U.N. Postal Administration. The stamp will be issued on May 11.

CITIZEN. — Dr. Albert-Szent Gyorgyi, Hungarian Nobel Prize winner, and his wife, Marta, have become American citizens. He was given the Noble Prize in 1937 for his success in isolating Vitamin C.

STUDENTS. — There are at least 2,018 Arab students enrolled in American universities, according to the latest figures released by the Institute of International Education in New York.

JESUS. — The Danish film director, Carl Dreyer, is planning to film the life of Jesus in Israel this summer with a cast speaking Hebrew and Greek. Production costs are estimated at $1m.

ELEVATION. — Japan and Iran yesterday announced the elevation of their respective legations to embassies.

POISONED. — Gaston Dominici has been transferred to the hospital of Les Brumettes prison in Marseilles, where he is under sentence of death for the triple Drummond murder. The 77-year-old farmer had a severe attack of vomiting last week and was believed suffering from food poisoning.

STEEL.—Britain's current five-year plan to modernise and expand her steel industry will cost £800m. an official report in London said yesterday.

GUSTAV. — A convocation at Oxford University yesterday unanimously approved a proposal to confer the degree of Doctor of Letters by diploma on King Gustav of Sweden.

World Bank Loans Over $2,000m. to 36 Nations

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). —The World Bank has made 113 loans totalling $2,063,858,464 for use in 36 countries and territories since it began operations in June, 1946, according to a statement released here today.

The statement said that from July 1, 1954 the bank had made loans for a hydro-electric project in Austria, a thermal electric power plant in India, railway modernization in Mexico an all-weather highway in El Salvador, and improvement of inland waterways and port facilities in Belgium. Columbia and Peru were granted loans to import tractors and other equipment to stimulate food production.

Israel became a member of the bank last July and Czechoslovakia ceased to be a member on December 31. The bank has 56 members and total subscribed capital of $9,022m.

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THE fact that the present stage of the discussions initiated by Mr. Eric Johnston on a regional water plan has been concluded without any substantial measure of agreement being reached does not detract from the prodigious efforts of the United States special envoy and his helpers to produce a settlement which would benefit the peoples of the area.

THE WATER TALKS

The interest of the United States in the issue is one which is perfectly intelligible at this stage in international affairs. However Israel may differ with her policies in this area, especially in the tendency to push on with the unilateral arming of the Arab states without regard to the consequent creation of a dangerous unbalance with relation to this country, there is no doubt that Washington genuinely desires the establishment of peace in the Middle East. She apparently hoped that, in the absence of a general pacification in the area, agreement might be reached on an *ad hoc* issue, the equitable distribution of the water resources, which would confer benefits on all the parties concerned and in turn might signal the beginning of cooperation leading to progress in the direction of ultimate peace.

Such a success would also pay immediate dividends. The consummation of a workable water project would help solve the problem of the Arab refugees by providing sufficient land for their permanent resettlement. It would thus incidentally stop up one hole through which American funds have been draining away quite profitlessly, since monies allocated for Arab refugee work have as a general rule either found their way to the wrong address, or been wastefully expended in doles which offer no lasting solution. This applies equally to direct aid from the United States and the millions expended through her contribution to the refugee budget of the United Nations.

It was because Israel felt that the problem of water was essentially one which needed long-term planning and also because she welcomed any move towards final pacification, that she engaged in conversations which she feared from the start held little prospect of success in view of the shortsightedness and narrowmindedness of the Arab states who spitefully refuse to recognize her existence and who entered the talks determined from the start to utilize them as yet one more weapon in their economic boycott of this country.

This was a result which was not entirely unexpected. Before the State of Israel was created a regional water plan might have been considered purely on its economic merits and might have enjoyed some prospect of success. At present, and for the present, the Arabs are under some irrational compulsion to make every other consideration subservient to their political ends. Mr. Johnston has now come up against this hard core fact which appears in all negotiations with the Arab countries. The Arab states have never hesitated to sacrifice their own best interests in the cause of their enmity to another people; in this case Israel. Such a situation makes agreement almost impossible, for while Mr. Johnston was fighting for as much of his scheme as he could salvage which might still produce a beneficial effect on the life of all the peoples in the area, the Arabs were fighting to reduce the amount of water to be received by Israel to a figure which would result in a crippling limitation of this country's development and so prove an effective contribution to the economic boycott.

It is for this reason that Israel's share of the water which the Arabs are prepared to accept is so far from reality that it is totally unacceptable here. A certain minimum of water must be found here, not just for immediate development but for the irrigation of the parched lands in days to come. This is not a subject which can be left for later consideration, for no Government of Israel will be found that will dare surrender the future economic well-being of the nation.

Report on Transport

The report of the special committee on public transport, which is dealing with the demand of the bus-cooperatives for fare increases and related matters, is expected to be published officially today, *The Jerusalem Post* learns.

Siam Fears Communist Infiltration

Bangkok Smartens Up for SEATO Conference

By O.M. GREEN

LONDON, (OPINE).—

FOR several weeks past, the Thai Government has been feverishly smartening up Bangkok in preparation for the South-East Asia Treaty Organization conference which begins today. Houses have been redecorated, hotels furnished up, streets repaired and some of them widened by filling in canals, the multiplicity of which have given Bangkok the name of the Venice of the Far East.

There are many beautiful features in Bangkok; the royal palace, gardens, temples and gilded pagodas; and all around a wilderness of humble homes whose inhabitants seem to live entirely by the canals. They travel by them, much more easily than through the streets jammed with carts, pedicabs (three-wheeled rickshaws pedalled along by a man on a tricycle seat) and large American cars. Time was when these canals were green with slime and malodorous. But in recent years the Government has had them thoroughly cleaned, as part of the general scheme of social and agricultural improvement.

In this respect, there is no doubt that good work is being done. Thailand is not a democracy yet, though it has a partly elected, partly nominated Assembly. It may be years yet before the Thais, who have never known such a system, are ready for it. But if the Government is as autocratic as if the revolution of 1932 had never happened, it certainly seems to be both benevolent and imaginative. Corruption is not denied, but is not worse than is usual in Asia, and not nearly so vicious as in some countries.

The driving force for reform is General Phao Sriyanand, who combines the offices of Director-General and Deputy Minister of the Interior and of Finance. This enabled him to keep order (which he does with remarkably well-organized police and *gendarmerie*), direct reforms and see that there is money to pay for them. Taller than the average Thai and powerfully built, with very bright eyes and incisive manner, General Phao would be recognised as a live wire in any country, conspicuously so among the easy-going Thais.

Three Schemes

Three main schemes of reform are now in operation — housing, "self-help" settlements and child welfare. Although there are apparently no disgusting slums in Bangkok, like those which disfigure Calcutta and Rangoon, there is serious overcrowding, due to the number of peasants who have swarmed into the capital since the war.

To get the people back to the land is General Phao's great aim. There are few big estates; most of the peasants farm their own land, but too many of them have plots insufficiently large to support them. Yet there are considerable tracts, unoccupied and idle. Here it is that the self-help settlements are being founded.

The ground is surveyed, preferably near a railway or good road, for its suitability for crops and cattle and for available water; and applications are invited. Anyone, if he is a Thai and of good character, can have a plot and the Government will provide him with farming tools, seeds and a house. Repayment is spread over 15 years with no interest charged, and the whole property is then his own.

There are scores of these settlements and another to be started this year, each of about 60 or 70 families and provided with a market, a medical clinic and police station. There is an official in charge, but to a large extent the settlers manage their own affairs — the Thais are garrulous, but quarrelsome — and by the records of their production, the settlements are doing well. Chickens and bananas are easily the most popular product, then coconuts and kaspok corn and groundnuts and a large variety of fruits and garden produce.

Houses are being built around Bangkok as well as in the new settlements, either for hire-purchase or to rent; at costs ranging from approximately £250 to £1,100 (approximately 700 to 3,138 U.S. dollars) according to size. The greatest number, of course, are for the poorest people, who must be "Thais by origin and nationality, of good behaviour and diligent in their occupations," and "in dire distress." They pay the equivalent of IL3 a month rent, and own the house when the cost of building it is wiped out.

Danger Point

IN the north-east, the Mekong River forms tenuous boundary for 700 km. between Thailand and the Indo-Chinese State of Laos. Here is the well-known danger-point for Communist penetration. So long as Laos remains independent it forms a buffer State between Thailand and the Vietminh. But if it should fall to the Communists, the Mekong would be no protection. For untold generations, Thais of the north-east and Laotians have intermarried. Differences between them are insignificant. Remote from the capital and very poor, they might be easy material to form the Great Thai State (in combination with Laotians and Southern Yunnanese) of which Chinese Communist propaganda intermittently speaks.

It is undeniable that Thai governments in the past have neglected this corner. Now they are trying to repair past indifference, by roads, irrigation, agricultural help and medical care. One great trouble, however, is that the people are slow to assist themselves.

It is Communist infiltration which the Government fears. Of a direct invasion the danger certainly seems remote. If it came, the Army, much enlarged, trained and equipped with American help, would certainly give a better account of itself than it did against the Japanese. But help from outside would be indispensable if Thailand was not to be overrun like Tibet. That is why the SEATO Conference is of such importance in the eyes of Thailand's rulers.

Instability in Syria:

Cabinet Divided Against Itself

By GAD MOR

SABRI el-Assali's government, which has been in office in Damascus for ten days and comes up for parliamentary approval tomorrow, is perhaps too seriously divided against itself to stand even as long as its predecessor, the Fares el-Khoury coalition cabinet that fell after the Cairo conference.

El-Assali has been Premier before: he was the one who headed the "caretaker cabinet" that was formed after Shishakly's fall a year ago. It was a coalition of the pro-Iraqi "A-Shaab" (People's) Party and ex-President Kuwatly's "El-Watani" (National) Party of which el-Assali was then Secretary-General.

The first post-Shishakly elections were supposed to be conducted under this Government, some of whose anti-Shishakly and pro-Iraqi elements, however, were regarded with suspicion by the Army. A new Socialist opposition party, (formed by the merger of Akram Hourani's "Arab Socialists" with the "Ba'ath" (Revival) Party headed by the leftist Christian leader, Michel Aflak) then demanded that a "neutral" government be entrusted with the elections. El-Assali resigned, and it was under the independent Said el-Ghazi that the elections took place in September.

Syria's voters, however, have not helped to make the parliamentary position any clearer. No two parties together command a working majority: 56 out of the 142 seats are occupied by Independents" who, as their name implies, are undependable (Khaled el-Azzem, who was Premier when Husni A-Zaim came to power, has since formed a "Democratic Party" which claims 40 of these "Independents.") The new Socialist Party, apparently not unaided by the Army, has won 15 seats against two in the preceding parliament and Syria's two traditional parties since the departure of the French, the People's Party and the Nationalists, have emerged with a mere 21 and 25 seats respectively.

This division of power made any attempt at a parliamentary coalition futile, and the President had to call on Fares el-Khoury to form a government. The veteran statesman hoped to get a national union cabinet together, but only the Populists and the Nationalists agreed to participate, and even they reluctantly. The Premier did his best to get them to cooperate, but ideological conflicts and personal rivalries stood in the way. The government was almost paralyzed, and the opposition made things as difficult for it as it could.

It was disgust with these complicated parliamentary manoeuvres and the desire to leave politics to the politicians, more than the loss of prestige which he suffered at home and in the Arab world when he backed the Iraqi stand in Cairo, that brought about Fares el-Khoury's resignation after 14 weeks.

El-Khoury opposes union with Iraq, yet as an enthusiastic pan-Arabist his views with favour any rapprochement within the Arab League, and as a man of western education he is not averse to linking the Arab countries with the West provided these links prove politically, economically, and in particular militarily profitable. That is why he defended the Iraqi case so vehemently in Cairo.

To adopt a clear pro-Western stand in Cairo, almost unaided (even Jordan hesitated to support her Hashemite "sister") was to display great courage, particularly in view of the fact that as a Christian el-Khoury was always open to charges of treachery. At any rate, the old politician resigned almost immediately. In the el-Assali cabinet which has taken his place, the Populists have been replaced by the Independents and the Socialists. The latter, however, are not whole-heartedly behind it, to judge by their limited participation.

Domestic Hitch

It is evident that the new combination cannot work. There may be a common understanding on foreign policy: the coalition members are all against union with Iraq, and all closer to Egypt's attitude as far as relations with the West are concerned (Akram Hourani, an avowed supporter of Nehru's concept of neutralism, is openly hostile to any military link with the West). But the domestic viewpoints of the government parties are nothing short of irreconcilable.

The Socialists' coalition partners represent the big landowners and the capitalists, who are dead against nationalization or tax and land reforms. Hourani's views on these subjects are much closer to those of the Populists, who are not in the government. And so the new coalition, though it commands a majority of about 98 deputies out of 142, is doomed to inaction, conflict, and ultimate dissolution.

Yesterday's Press

Confidence in Leadership

WELCOMING Mr. Ben-Gurion's return to the Government "Davar" (Histadrut) writes that there was a feeling in the Knesset that it was a great day, a feeling which was not even affected by the routine opposition declarations and attacks. This very crisis has proved that the confidence of the people in its political leadership is fully warranted.

"Zmanim" (Progressive) says that Mr. Ben-Gurion's real test did not lie in his willingness to join the Government. It will rather be in his readiness to keep within the limits of his new task for the sake of the harmonious functions of the Government. Mr. Ben-Gurion is a dynamic and energetic leader and his resignation from the Government was partly caused by frustration with the parliamentary regime, which is apt to chain down such a leader. The paper believes that if Mr. Ben-Gurion becomes accustomed to the position of mere minister this will add both to his personal prestige and to the prestige of our parliamentary regime.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) interprets the Mapam statement in the Knesset in its editorial marshalling its arguments against the "Ben-Gurion line." The Lavon crisis, it says, is only part of a general crisis. In matters of defence a middle and stable road should be taken between hysterical and irresponsible activism and yielding to the demands of foreign powers. The paper adds that it has not been enthusiastic either about Mr. Ben-Gurion's stay in Sde Boker, which did not help the cause of *halutziut*.

"Ha'aretz" (non-party) fears that what needed repair under Mr. Lavon may not change under Mr. Ben-Gurion. The statements that were delivered in the Knesset left most questions open. Much work faces Mr. Ben-Gurion and he will have to let the Government share in his efforts.

In a leading article entitled "Independence in Danger" "Herut" draws attention to various intrigues now being spun against Israel independence and to the alleged readiness of "Jewish Agency leaders" to put the clock back to pre-state days.

Water Proposals Rapped

"Haboker" (General Zionist) raps Mr. Johnston's new proposals for irrigation. The American envoy has in fact accepted the Arab "plan," which is not to exploit existing resources to make the desert yield but rather to prevent any such development work on the part of Israel. Since no actual Arab plan for irrigation does exist, an Israel sacrifice would be utterly futile. We want Mr. Johnston to succeed in his mission, says "Haboker," as long as he sees his duty in appeasing people who want to stop development on both sides, the chances for his success remain very dim indeed.

Both "Lamerhav" (Ahdut Avoda) and "Hatsofe" (World Mizrahi Union) comment on the bus-taxi struggle. The former says that "Dan" cannot expect public support if its service does not satisfy the demand, and criticizes the strong-arm practices of the police. The latter says that "Dan" has no monopoly and thinks that though the municipality wanted "co-existence" between *sherut* taxis and buses it appears that the police has discriminated against the taxi drivers by applying the new laws too rigidly.

Readers' Letters

TRADE WITH CHINA

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In reply to Mr. Kwilecki's letter, in your issue of February 7 opposing my viewpoint regarding trade with New China, I should like not so much to defend my opinion as to reiterate the great importance, and even necessity, for Israel to initiate business relations with China.

The discrepancy in our opinions is caused by our different approach. My opponent touches upon the problem of such trade from the point of view of its present practicability and earning capacity, I am considering mainly the future prospects. Again, Mr. Kwilecki appraises the situation from the position of an individual import-export firm whereas I am talking about Israel industry and economy in general. Indeed, many difficulties do stand in the way of trade with China and I emphasized them in my articles. However, I mentioned them so as to warn our exporters and industrialists against regarding China as an old-time colonial market, prepared to absorb any kind and quality of goods.

The fact that, despite these difficulties, business concerns in most European countries have for the past few years been carrying on a large volume of import-export trade with China, and that England is at present negotiating a commercial treaty, is proof enough that the advantages of trade exceed the disadvantages and that the latter are not insurmountable, even now.

But if the problem of trade with China is judged in relation to the needs of the Israel import-export trade and economy in general, this aspect becomes, in my opinion, clear and indisputable. In my report to the Israel Trade Delegation to China, of which my articles were a very condensed synopsis, I based the importance of establishing business relations with China on the facts of China's growing intensive industrialization and her huge natural resources which will, when developed, serve as the basis of a powerful industry and economy and result in her becoming in the near future one of the world's biggest import-export markets. The future large absorptive capacity of this market warrants every effort.

The fact that our Government has sent a trade delegation is sufficient proof that I am not alone in my attitude.

Yours, etc.
S. ZENN

Tel Aviv, February 11.

CINEMA EXITS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Although there have been numerous complaints about the danger which threatens cinema-goers because of the lack of sufficient exits, no authority seems to take matters in hand and new cinemas are built without taking this fact into consideration.

Last night, I went to the "Peer" cinema in Haifa. There are only two narrow staircases leading out of the back and two similar ones in the front. Even under ordinary circumstances, people push at these exits. What chaos would ensue in a time of emergency! Can this situation not be remedied?

Yours, etc. *V. J. S.*

Haifa.

OLD SOLDIERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Plans have been announced for celebrating Volunteers Week, the 10th anniversary of the Jewish Brigade, at the end of March. While every group may celebrate its anniversary according to its own lights, I should like to point out that Jewish volunteering did not begin with the Jewish Brigade 10 years ago but was preceded by the Jewish Battalion, 28 years ago, which in turn was preceded by the first volunteers led by Joseph Trumpeldor 40 years ago, before the Balfour Declaration.

To our regret, we have become accustomed to having youngsters ignore those who preceded them and showed them the way. They like to act as though history began with them, but how is it that the institutions, the Government and the Agency have failed to correct this attitude?

We members of the Gallipoli group will celebrate the anniversary of its founding 40 years ago next March without fanfare. We will assemble to recall Jewish volunteering activity and those who fell in defence of the country and the Zionist ideal, and to emphasize the incontrovertible fact that Jewish volunteering began 40 years ago with the formation of the Zion Mule Corps at Gallipoli.

Yours, etc.
RAPHAEL ABOULAFIA

Jerusalem.

BUTTERFAT CONTENT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Referring to Mrs. Hellinger's letter in your issue of February 14, we should like to give the following facts:

The standard of the butterfat percentage of milk for drinking has been fixed by the authorities at 2.3 whereas the milk produced in our dairies shows 2.6 per cent. Aside from the fact that our milk is the purest and most nourishing of its kind in this country, it contains definitely the highest fat percentage of milk in Israel. It would interest the public to know that in many a European country the standard butter percentage of milk for drinking purposes does not even reach 2.6.

Yours, etc.
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Tel Aviv, February 18.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

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DR. EVA FERNBACH

Jerusalem, February 15.

BOOKS FROM GERMANY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—We understand that books from Germany, bought by the Israel Mission in Cologne, are being sold here by booksellers at the rate of 15 pruta to the Deutsche Mark. The official rate is 420.8 pruta.

One cannot object to the import of scientific and technical books but the purpose of Reparations from Germany—to aid our development — is not served by the import of fiction, art books, etc. In addition, the question arises why books from Germany are sold below the official rate. Whoever wishes to purchase a book from Germany should pay the real price instead of the Treasury losing money because of an unrealistic exchange rate.

Yours, etc.
A CITIZEN

Jerusalem.

RAILWAY BUFFET

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Twice within a fortnight, a group of youngsters travelling by rail from Haifa to Jerusalem arrived home with fever and intestinal disturbance. All of them had eaten sausage sandwiches in the dining car.

I applied to the Health authorities in Jerusalem, where an official listed all the details and promised an investigation. The same official, in answer to my inquiry three weeks later, told me that my complaint had been forwarded to the Railway Management in Haifa, which had replied that it had to know the names and addresses of the people affected, the exact date of their journey, and needed a doctor's certificate that the intestinal trouble had been caused by these sandwiches and that the children had not eaten anything else.

No check of the dining car was performed. Passengers continue to eat these adulterated and dirty sandwiches and the health of many persons is endangered.

Yours, etc.
A.B.

Jerusalem, January 22.

Ministry of Health Replies

This complaint is the first we have had for over a year.

The matter became known to us indirectly a few days after the children had fallen ill and an inquiry was at once instituted both at the Jerusalem railway buffet and the dining car buffet, and again several days later. Nothing suspicious was found in the sandwiches or other commodities — in their content, method of preparation or serving. We transmitted instructions on washing dishes and necessary improvements to the Health Department in Haifa for further attention since the Railways administration and buffet services are located there.

Thereafter, one of our inspectors met the complaining party in a bus and told him that an immediate and direct complaint as we would have facilitated our instituting a planned epidemiological investigation instead of a general sanitary inspection such as we had done a week or so after the incident. This was the first and only time the complaining party was in contact with us in this matter, and we therefore do not understand his reference to his visit to the Health authorities in Jerusalem.

The Health Department does not require a doctor's affidavit to open an enquiry. Every citizen can help us in similar cases by contacting us as quickly as possible, thus helping us to obtain at least enough facts and details for an effective investigation. In the final analysis, we must point out that hundreds and thousands of people eat in the buffet car every month, and we have heard of no other case of food poisoning this past year.

Yours, etc.
DR. D. KLEEMER
For the District Medical Officer

Jerusalem, February 6.

INDIVIDUAL-PSYCHOLOGY

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — It may interest your readers to learn that a circle of "Individual-Psychologists" (Alfred Adler's School) is being organised in Tel Aviv and we invite all Individual-Psychologists in this country who are interested in joining to write to Mrs. Devora Dauber, 3 Jean Jaures Street, Tel Aviv.

Yours etc.
URI BLUM,
Editor, "Oorim," Monthly Education Magazine

Tel Aviv.

MUSICAL DIARY

Irgun Ole Merkaz Europa Concert for Benefit of Jerusalem Parents Home, Menahem Pressler, piano, Shmuel Aschkenasi, violin (Y.M.-C.A., February 19) Bach: Sonata in G minor for Solo Violin; Mozart: Chaconne; Beethoven: Sonata, op. 12/3; Cesar Franck: Sonata for Piano and Violin; Debussy: two pieces from Suite Bergamasque; Chopin: Sonata in B minor, op. 58.

FROM the first stroke of his bow in the Bach sonata, we were captivated by Shmuel Aschkenasi's instinctive musicianship, by the substance of his tone, by his phrasing — especially the architecture of his fugue — and by shading and an infallible sense of style that would redound to the credit of a fully mature artist. But the exquisite Cesar Franck sonata with its post-romantic lyrical sensuality seems for the time being above the perceptive faculty of this doubtless extremely gifted youngster, and here it was Menahem Pressler that took the leading part.

Mr. Pressler's interpretation of the Haendel Chaconne was creative — a real rarity in the concert hall and that of the Beethoven sonata was deeply penetrating, manly and soulful. The two Debussy numbers were most subtle in touch and tint — Mr. Pressler won first prize at the international Debussy competition in San Francisco in 1946. The Chopin made a lasting impression with its successful (regret) fascinating cantilenas, a deeply moving large and that stirring Chopin rhythm.

FRANCO

Lionel Hampton and his Band. Magen David Adom Benefit. (Edison Hall, February 20).

IT was high time that our Capital was given a blessed injection to speed the blood circulation of its night life. A most effective stimulus is Lionel Hampton and his aidemen. The band is what is called a big swing outfit. According to orthodox jazz fans, this should be a disadvantage. Yet our opinion is that coloured swing players are most possibly nearer to the spirit of jazz than any white purists.

"Arlis—aughts"

"Air Mail Special" was a specialty indeed, and Mr. Hampton, sure enough, could easily purchase his "Love for Sale" on the vibes. His playing was perhaps the archetype of what a real jazzman has to be: a superior instrumentalist plus a creative personality. His Janus-handed phrases (one face looks at the faciulcal refinements of Western culture, the other, throwing drumsticks into the air, at a pitiless, but fascinating African past) influence the other soloists. We specially enjoyed Miss Bertie Reading's vocalist act, Jay Peters (tenor sax) and Jay Dennis (alto sax). Curley Hammer's dance-drum show was side-splitting and breath-taking at the same time.

As a surprise Mr. Hampton played some Hebrew numbers, among them "Hava Nagila" in an arrangement by Kol Yisrael's Shalta Petrushka, and a somewhat blue "Yiddishe Mamme" that was incomparably more bearable than what we are used to.

Everybody joined in and had a wonderful time.

Y. ZARAI

The Haifa Orchestra, Heinz Freudenthal, conductor, Misul Lerner, soprano, Rivka Axelrod, contralto (Peer Hall, February 17): Mozart: Divertimento; Mendelssohn: Andante for Low Strings; Grieg: two Norwegian melodies—Kew Kipper's Song and Village Dances; Pergolesi: Stabat Mater (soprano, contralto and strings).

A NUMBER of able instrumentalists have joined the Haifa Orchestra recently, and the welcome result told particularly at the last concert. One cannot expect the orchestra to turn overnight into an ensemble of first-rate players, but better understanding between conductor and performers and more systematic rehearsals will finally result in a more distinctive style suiting the group's character as a string orchestra.

Mr. Freudenthal conducted the opening piece with utmost imagination, yet with a remarkable economy of movement. He delicately preserved the balance between orchestra and soloists in "Stabat Mater," the instruments preparing a warm background for the voices. But as Rossini, who also wrote a great "Stabat Mater," once said, "singing requires a voice, a voice and a voice." This was what was missing, for even the most convincing musicality is no compensation for the lack of a fully cultivated voice.

G. W.-S.

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Town to Country

THEATRE NOTES

Ohel: Shraga Feivush Goes to the Negev, a comedy by Itzhak Sela, directed by Menahem Golan and designed by Yehuda Yardi.

THIS new comedy is one more attempt to present the problems of unproductive city life versus the constructive life of the pioneers who are reclaiming the Negev. The play is revolutionary in one respect. It does not present the rich relatives from America as the traditional and insensitive and boorish source of wealth: in this case, Irving Cohn from Pittsburgh and his daughter Ann are pleasant, charming persons who understand the problems of the country and are willing to give of themselves and their wealth in order to help its development. As a matter of fact, Irving Cohn spurns all the fleshpots of Tel Aviv, and confines himself to a self-imposed diet of *lebeu*.

Mr. Sela cannot complain of the treatment which his effort has received at the hands of the Ohel. Menahem Golan directed the play competently, Meir Margalith, with his exceptional talent for comedy and character creation, has made of the impossible Shraga Feivush a very amusing *hutz-mensch*, who has all sorts of fantastic schemes for making millions and swelling the Treasury's dollar balance.

The first act seemed to go very well, with a great many laughs and much good nature on both sides of the foot lights. The second act sagged badly, while the third act pulled things together with the discovery of water in the Negev, a wedding, the reunion of Shraga with his wife, and somewhat restored the general good temper engendered by the first act.

The cast included Dvora Kastelanetz, Zvi Amital, Simha Zehoval, Miriam Bytan and Benzion Liberg.

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(The play is being presented in Jerusalem on Thursday.)

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Milky Way

"THE Milkman" (Edison, J'lem) is a musical starring Donald O'Connor, as the son of the owner of a great milk company who unwittingly becomes mixed up with a tough gang and with his boss's daughter (Piper Laurie). All ends well, to be sure. Donald O'Connor is as lively as ever but more important is the return of Jimmy Durante and "That's my boy" after a long absence from the screen.

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